# ANNO XXXIII.
## HENRICI OCTAVI.

HENRYE THE VIII. BY the Grace of God king of Englande, Fraunce, and Irelande, defender of the Faith, and of the Church of Englande and also of Ireland in earth Supreme heade, to the Honour of Almightie GOD, and for the concorde quyet and wealth of this his Realme, and subiectes of the same, helde his most highe courte of Parliamente, begun at Westminster the.xvi. daye of January, and continued tyll the firste daye of Apryll, the .xxxiii. yeare of his most noble and victorious reigne, wherin were established these actes folowinge.

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FOr as muche as many lyghte and euyll disposed persones not myndynge to get theyr liuinges by truthe, accordynge to the lawes of this realme, but compassynge and deuising dayely howe they maye vnlawfully obteine and gette into their handes and possessions goodes cattelles and iewels of other persons for the maintenance of theyr vnthryftye lyuinge. And also knowinge that if they come to anye of the same goodes, cattelles and iewelles by stelthe, that than they being therof lawfully conuicte, accordinge to the lawes of this realme, shall dye therfore: haue nowe of late falsely and deceitefullye contriued deuised and imagined priuie tokens and counterfaite letters in other mennes names, vnto dyuers persons their especiall frendes and acquaintaunces, for the obteinynge of money, goodes cattelles, and iewels of the same persons, their freendes, and acquaintances, by colour whereof, the sayde lighte and euill disposed persones haue disceitfully and vnlawfully obteyned and gotten greatte sub, staunce of money, goodes, cattels, and iewels into their handes and possessions, contrarye to right and conscience. For reformacion wherof, be it ordeined and enacted by auctholitie of this present parliamēt, that if any person or persons, of what estate or degree so euer he or they be, at any time after the firste day of Apryll next comming, falsely and deceitfully obteine or get into his or their handes or possession any money, goodes, cattels, iewels or other thinges, of anye other person or persons, by colour and meanes of any such false token or counterfaite letter made in any other mannes name as is aforesayd, that then euery suche person and persons so offendinge, and beyng therof lawfully conuicte by witnesses, taken before the lord Chaun, cellour of Englande for the time beinge, or by examinacion of witnesses, or confessiō takē in the starre chamber at Westminster before the kinges most honourable councell, or before the iustices of assise in their circuites for the time beynge, or before the iustices of peace within any parte of the kynges dominion in their general sessions, or by action in any of the kinges courts of recorde, shall haue and suffre suche correction and punishment by imprysonment of bodye, settinge vppon the pyllorie, or otherwyse by anye corporal peine (excepte peynes of death) as shalbe vnto him or thē limmitted adiudged or appointed by ỳ person & persons, before whom he shall be so conuicte of the saide offences or of any of them.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctholitie aforesaide, that as well the iustices of assise for the time beynge, as also two Iustices of peace in euery countie, wherof one to be of the Quorum, shall haue full power & auctholitie to call and conuent by proces or otherwise, to the said assises or generall sessions, any person or persons beyng suspected of any of the offences afore sayde, and to commit him or them to warde, or let him or them to baile tyll

the nexte assises or generall sessions, there to be examined and further to be ordered by their discreasions, as is aboue sayde.

¶ Prouided alwayes and be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that iustices of the peace within euery citie borough towne and franchises within this realme, or other the kinges dominions, shall haue lyke iurisdiction power and auctoritie at their generall sessions, and otherwise to do and execute all and euery thing and thinges in all pointes, as other iustices of thassises in their circuites, or iustices of the peace in the counties by vertue of this acte be lymitted and appoynted to do and execute, for the punishment and correction of lyke offenders, as by this aforesayd act is specified and declared. Sauing to the partie greeued by such deceit such remedy by way of action or otherwise of and for the same money goodes cattelles iewelles or other thinges so obteyned, as he might haue had if this acte had neuer bene had ne made, any thing in the same conteined to the contrary in any wise not withstandinge.

¶ Prouided alwaies and be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that the kinges highnes councell of his towne of Caleys, or three of them for the time being, shall haue such and like auctoritie for the examination, baylement and punishment of suche offender or offenders, and for suche offences hereafter to be committed & don within the towne and marches of Calais and county of Guisnes, as the foresaid Iustices of assise, or iustices of peace haue by force of this acte within their iurisdictions & auctoritie.

## ¶ An acte concerning byenge of fishe vpon the sea. Cap. ii.

WHere many and diuerse townes and portes by the sea side, in the countyes of Kentre and Susser, as well of the fyue portes and membres of the same as other, haue in tymes paste bene in greate welth and prosperitie, well builded and inhabited with a greate multitude of people, by reason of vsynge and exercisyng the craft and feat of fyshing, wherby the sayd portes and townes were able to make among them selues a great number of boates and shippes, and also many good maryners to the sayde boates belongynge, the which said mariners were not onely put to the said diligent labour and exercise of fishyng, but also they were put in daily experience and knowledge of the costes of the sea, as wel within this realme as in other partes beyond the sea, by the which practise it was not only great strenghte to this realme, by reason of bringing vp and encreasing of mariners, whē so euer the kinges grace had nede of them, but also a great welth to the realme, and abundāce of such, wherby our soucrayne lorde the kinge, the lordes gentlemen and commons were alwayes well serued of fishe in market townes of a reasonable price: and also by reason of the same fishing many men were made and grewe riche, & many poore men & women had

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therby their conuenient liuing, to the strength encreasing and welth of this realme. And where many and diuers of the sayd fishermen, for their singular lucre and aduantage do leaue the sayd craft of fishinge, and be confederate with Picardes, Fleminges, Normans, and Frenchemē, and somtime saile ouer into the costes of Picardie & Flaunders, & sometime do meete the sayd Picards and Fleminges halfe the sea ouer, and there for redy money of the coine of this realme, do marchant and bie the said french fishe of the same strangers amountinge to the summe yerely of .xx. M. markes and aboue, and so come & make their sales in diuers costes and crekes within this realme at their pleasure, where if they did not so, the same Picardes & Fleminges wold bring the same fishe ouer them selues, and sell it in this realme to the kinges subiectes, much better cheape, and for lesse money, if the same botes and people of this realme wolde not regrate the saide fishe: the which is to the great impouerishinge of the kynges people, conueying and minishinge of the kinges coyne out of this realme, contrary to the lawes & statutes, to the great diminucion of the kings nauie fisherbotes and mariners, and also to the distruction desolaciō and vtter vndoing of such portes and townes by the sea side, & depopulacion of the people of this realme and the debilitie and weakenes therof. In consideration whereof, be it enacted ordeined and established by the king our soueraigne lorde, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the cōmons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctority of the same, that no maner of person englishe denizen nor estranger, now dwelling, or they which at any time hereafter shal dwel or inhabit within any of ẏ fiue portes crekes limbes or membres of the same, or within any other place within this realme, shall frō the first day of Auguste nowe nexte comminge, by any freshe fyshe of any estraunger in the sayd parties of Flaunders, Zelande, picardy or Fraunce, or vpon the sea betwene shore and shore, or in any other place beyonde the sea, to put to sale within this realme, to any person or persones, vppon peyne of eueri person so doing at any time, to forfait for euery time so doing ten pounds, wherof the one halfe to be to our soueraigne lorde the king, and the other halfe to the partie or parties that will sue for the same, by bil, action of det informaciō or otherwise in any of the kinges courtes, and to be tried in the county nexte adioyning, wher the biyng is supposed to be made don or had, wherin no delay, wager of lawe, protection nor essoine shalbe allowed.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctthoritie aforsaide, that it shalbe lawfull to all and euery fysher estranger, to come and resorte into euery hauen porte creke or other place within this realme with their fishe, and the same fishe to be put to sale without let or impediment of any person or persons at all times and as often as shall please them.

¶ Prouided alwayes, that this acte or any thinge therin conteyned, shall not extende or be in any wise hurtfull to any person or persons for the biyng of sturgeon porpose or seale vpon the sea, or bought in any parte of beyond the sea, and brought into this realme to be vttered and solde, any thing con-

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teined in this acte to the contrary in any wise not withstanding.

¶ Prouided also, that this acte, or anye thynge therin conteyned shall not bee hurtefull ne preiudiciall to anye persone or persons for the bringe of anie herringe or shattes, vppon the sea, or at the costes, to be bought at anie time on this syde the feaste of the purification of our lady saincte Mary, whiche shall be in the yeare of our lorde god, a thousande fyue hundred forty and three, any thing in this acte conteined to the contrary in any wise not withstandinge.

¶ Prouided furthermore, that this acte or anye thynge therin conteyned, shall not extende to anye person or persons, whiche shall bye anye fishe in anye partes of Islande, Scotlande, Orkeney, Shotlande, Irelande or Newelande, any thynge conteyned in this acte to the contrary in any wise not withstandinge. This acte onely to endure tyll the latter end of the next parliament.

## ¶ An acte for folding of clothes in Northwales. Cap. iii.

WHere a certayne kinde and sorte of welshe clothes called whites, russettes, and kenettes, made & wrought in Northwales and Worcester hundred, adioyning to Northwales, of long time haue bene & be so craftely and harde rolled together, that the vier therof can not perceiue nor discerne the vntrue makinge and breadthe therof, to the great hurt disceite and empouerishing of the kinges true and louing subiectes. For remedy wherof be it enacted ordeined and established, by the kynge our souerayne lorde, his lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by authoritie of the same, that all and euery the sayd clothes from and after the feaste of the Natiuitie of saincte John Baptiste next comminge, that shall bee brought to any common markettes or fayres to be vttered and solde, shall be folded either in pleightes or cuttelle, as the clothes of all other countries of this realme commonly haue bene vsed and be vsed, to thentent that the byers therof maie plainely see and perceiue the breadthe, and goodnes of suche clothe and clothes that he shall bye. And that euery pece of the sayde clothes, whiche after the saide feast shall be brought to any market or fayre to be vttered and solde, contrary to the forme abouesaide, shall be forfaited, that is to saye, the moitie or one halfe therof to the vse of our said souerayne lorde the kinge, and the other moitie therof to any of the kinges subiectes, whiche will sue for the same in anie of the kinges courts of record, by actio of dette bill plainte informacion or otherwise, wherein the defendant shall not be admitted to wage his lawe, nor any protection nor essoyne, or any other delatory ple admitted or allowed.

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## ¶ An acte concerning pewterers. Cap. iiii.

Where at the parliament begun at London the thyrde daye of Nouēbre, in the .xxi. yere of the reigne of the king our soueraine lord, & frō thēce adiourned to westminster, & there holden, & from that time continued by diuers prorogacions vnto the .xv. day of January, the .xxv. yere of his moste noble reigne: it was ordeined and established by the assent of the kinges maiestie, his lordes spirituall & temporall, & the commons in the said parliament than assembled, & by aucthoritie of the same, that no person nor persons, from that time thā inhabiting or which after that time should inhabite within this realme, should by, or otherwise take by exchāge for other wares, any mauer wares made, or herafter to be made out of this realme, of tinne, or mixt with tinne, as platters, disshes, saucers. pottes, basons, ewers, flagons, goblets, saltes, saltsellers, spoones, or any other thing made of tinne or pewter, as aforesaid, what so euer it were, vpon peyne of forfaiture of the same wares, in whose handes so euer it might be found or taken, & also lawfull money currant in this realme, to the full value therof, ẏ one halfe of the same forfaiture to be to the vse of the kinges highnes, and the other half to be to the vse of the finders of the same: and further it was enacted, that it should be lefull to the maister & wardein of the pewterers, aswel within the citie of London, as within euery other citie, borroughe, or towne within this realme, wher such wardens were, & wher no such wardens were, to the head officer or gouernour, head officers or gouernors of ẏ same citie borough or towne for the time beinge, to appoint diuers persons most expert in knowledge of the same, to make serch & seisure, & to take into their handes & possessiō, all such wares, as therafter should be brought contrary to ẏ true intent & effect of ẏ said act, in whose soeuer handes or possessiōs ani such should be foūd. And it was also enacted by thauctoritie aboue said, ẏ no person nor persons, occupieng ẏ said craft or occupacion of pewterers within thys realme, should set on worke, or retaine in his or their seruice any ꝑson or persōs, to be his or their prētice or iourney man, estrauger borne out of this realme, vpon peine to forfaite for euery suche prentyce and iourney man .x. li. sterlinges: and that no stranger borne out of thys realme should occupie exercise or vse, from the feast of Pētecost than next cōming, ẏ said craft of pewterers, ne work ani māer of vessels or other ware aforesaid, to be made of tin or pewter, within any place or places of this realme, vpon peine of forfaiture of .x. li. sterlinges, and also vpon peine of forfaiture of the same pewter or tin so wrought, in whose handes so euer it should be founde or taken: and it was further enacted by the said aucthoritie that no person nor persōs being borne within this realme, thā occupieng or exercising the said craft of pewterers, should frō thēceforth resort into any strāge regiōs or coūtries, there to vse teache or exercise ẏ said craft of pewterers, vpon peine to lose the priuiledge & benefit of an English man. And if in case

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anye of the kinges subiectes, at that time beinge dwellinge in anye strange countrey or region, and there occupieng the said craft of pewterers, did not repayre into this realme within thre monethes next after request and warning to him to be geuen by writing sealed with the cõmon seale of the wardeins of the said craft within the said citie of London, & here in this realme continually from thencefourth dwell and inhabite, that than & from hencefourth he should be reputed and taken as no englishman, but should stande and be from hencefourthe out of the kinges protection: and it was than further enacted, that where sundrye euill disposed persons, whych commonly were called haukers, by auctoritie of the kinges letters patẽtes or placard, did not onely go about from place to place within thys realme, vsing byeng & sellinge of brasse & pewter & by colour & pretence of the same lycences or placardes, did not onely vse vnlawfull and deceiuable weyghtes and beames, but also did vse to sell both brasse and pewter, whych was not good, nor truly or lawfully mixt or wrought, to the great deceit of ỳ kinges true leige people, contrarie to the fourme and effect of a good and laudable acte and statute, made in the fourth yere of the kinges saide most noble reygne, that all such licences and placardes afore that time had made or graunted to any such person or persons, contrary to the true meaning fourme & effecte of the sayd estatute, should be from thencefourth by the auctoritie of the sayd parliament clerely voyd and of none effect. And where as in the sayd acte of parliament, concerning the sayde craft of pewterers and brasiers, made in the sayd fourth yere, for diuers causes and cõsideracions in the same act conteyned amongest other thinges it was expressed that no person nor persons, vsing the said craft of pewterers or brasiers, should from hencefoorthe sell or change anie pewter or brasse new or old, at any place or places within this realme, but onely in open fayres or markets, or in their owne dwelling houses, but if they were desired by the biers of such wares, vpon peine of forfayture for euery suche defaulte .x. li. And so than the same forfayture was to the onely vse of the kinges highnes, & the partie serchynge or fyndinge the same, was not intitled to haue any benefit therby: it was not knowen, that any person or persons had taken any peines, to enserche or make any inquirye therof, by reason wherof diuers and many euill disposed persons, than vsing bieng and selling as well of brasse as pewter, and not regarding the said good acte, nor the sayd penaltie, wente dayly aboute from village to village, towne to towne, and frõ house to house, to sel such pewter and brasse, which was not good, and also vsed deceiuable weyghtes & beames, as they did before the making of the sayd act, to the great hurte & discrey of the kinges true liege people and subiectes. wherfore it was enacted by the auctoritie of the said parliament, that as well the moytie of the sayd forfaiture of .x. li. limitted in the sayde statute, made in the saide fourth yeare, as also the moitie of all other forfaitures and penalties, expressed and specified in the sayd actes, and euery of them, should be to the vse of ỳ kynges highnes, his heires and successors, and the other moitie of the same forfaytures

faitures and penalties and euery of them, to the vse of him or them, that would sieke, find or present the same forfaytures or any of thē, or that wold sue for the same in any competente court or courtes within this realme, by action of dette, bill, playnt or informacion, wherin the defendant should in no wise be admitted to wage his law, or any protectiō or essoin to any person or persons, which should be impeched to haue offended contrarie to the forme & effecte of this estatute, should be allowable, as in the said act more plainly appereth, which acte was appoynted to endure onely to the ende of the nert parliament then nert folowing: and which act was after renewed in the parliament holdē at Westminster in ỳ. xxviii. yere of the reigne of our saide soueraigne lorde, to endure vntill thende of the nerte parliament than nert folowing: and which acte was also renewed at the parliament holdē at westminster, in ỳ. xxxi & xxxii. yeres of our sayd soueraigne lordes raygne to endure vntill the last day of the nert parliament then nert ensuing.

Prayen therfore in this present parliament our saide soueraigne lordes true and obedient subiectes, the peuterers of this his sayd realme, and other the true cōmons of the same, because the same acte is beneficiall & necessary for the common welth of this realme: that it may be enacted by the king our saide soueraygne lorde, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the cōmons in this present parliament assembled, and by authoritie of the same, for as much as the same act, & euery thing therin conteined, is good and beneficiall to the common welth of this realme, that all & euery the sayde actes & statutes, and all & euery article sentence and clause compriſed in the same, may from henceforthe stande and bide in as full strenghte and effecte for euermore from henceforthe to endure, according to the purport tenour & effecte of the same acte and actes, as thoughe the said articles sentences & clauses, were specially limitted recited or declared in this present acte. And that no person ne persons from henceforth bie or take by exchāge, or otherwise take in to or within this realme, to the intent to sell any suche thinges or wares aboue rehersed, made or to be made out of this realme, vppon peine of like forfaitures and penalties, as are & were expressed in the said seuerall actes, the same penalties and forfaitures to be leuied as is afore expressed.

¶ And that it may be further enacted by authoritie aforesaide, that yf any person or persōs do vnlawfully withstand interrupt disturbe or let the maister and wardēs, or their deputie of the said craft of peuterers for the time being, or the head officer or gouernour, hed officers or gouernours of cities townes and boroughes within this realme, wherein no suche maister and wardens are or shalbe, or any of them in serchinge sealing and taking into their handes and possessions suche wares as shall happen to be bought or brought into this realme contrarie to the purport & effect of the said estatute, made in the said xvi. yere of the reigne our saide soueraine lorde, that than euery such person and persons so offending, in letting disturbinge or withstanding the said seisure or taking of such wares, as is aforesayd shall lose and forfait for euery time so doing the summe of. v. poūdes sterlynges,

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The one halfe wherof, shalbe to the kinges vse, and the other halfe to him or them, that will or shall sue for the same, by action of det, writ, bill, playnt, or informacion in any the kinges courtes of recorde. In which action or sute no protection, priuilege nor wager of lawe shalbe allowed nor admitted.

## ¶ An acte concerninge kepinge of great horses. Cap. v.

Where in the parliament begun & holden at Westminster the xxviii. daye of Aprill in the. xxxi. yeare of the reigne of our most dradde soueraygne lorde, and from that day continued and proroged by diuers prorogacions to the xi. day of May in the. xxxii. yere of the reigne of our saide most dradde soueraigne lorde, and then finisshed and ended, it was ordeined and enacted in the session of the saide parliament, holden in the saide. xxxii. yeare of the kinge, amonges other thinges, that the nobles and other subiectes of this realme, hauinge parkes, shoulde kepe mares, and finde staulandes for breede & encrease of horses for defence of this realme, after such rate and fashion, as by the sayd acte is more plainly expressed. Sithen the making wherof there is begun a good number of brede of horses, which by continuaunce is like in shorte time muche to encrease for the sure defence of this realme, if prouision were made for the keping and sustentacion of such horses within thys realme, and in other the kinges dominions, after they be bred and come to age to doe seruice. And for as much as horses able for the warres be conueniēt & necessary to be kept & mainteined by the nobles and other subiectes of this realme, hauing any dignitie estate possessiōs or other great substance for the maintenāce of the same: it may therefore please the kinges most royall maiestie, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assēbled, to ordein and enacte by aucthoritie of the same, that euery Archebishop and Duke of this realme, from and after the feast of saint Michael the archangel. which shalbe in the yere our lorde God. M. D. xliiii. shall haue, finde, and kepe, susteine and maynteine of their owne proper horses, and at their proper costes and expenses, seuen stoned trotting horses for the saddle, eueri horse of the same to be in age of three yeres and vpwarde, in hight. xiiii. handfulles, reconing and accompting to euery handfull foure inches of the stāderde, to be measured from the nether parte of the heare of the hough, vnto the vpper parte of the widersones, that is to say, the vpper parte of the shoulders: vpon peine that euery archebishop and Duke, lackinge the number of the said horses to thē aboue limitted, after the said feast by ẏ space of three monethes, shall lose and forfayte for euery horse so lacking, as often as they or any of them shall so lacke them by the said space of thre monethes. xx. li. the one moitie therof to the king our soueraigne lorde, and the other moitie to such as will sue for the same by bill, playnte, originall writ or informacion in any of the kinges courtes, in which sutes the defendāts shalt not wage

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their law, nor any protection or essoine shall be admitted or allowed. And that euery Marques and Earle of this realm, and also euery bishop of this realme, the yerely value of whose bishoprike is of the yerely value of a thousande pounde or aboue, shall after the feaste of sayncte Michaell the archangell, haue, finde, kepe, susteine and maynteine of their proper horses, and at their proper charges and expences, fiue stoned trottynge horses for the saddle, of the age and height aforesayd, vpon the peine aboue specified, to be loste and recouered to the vse and in suche fourme as is afore remembred. And that euery other bysshop of this Realme, whose bishoprike is of the yerely value of a thousande markes or aboue: and euery vicounte and baron hauinge landes, tenementes, fees, annuities, or offices for terme of hys lyfe, to the clere yerely value of a thousande markes or aboue, vpon like payne as is aforesayd shall after the said feast of sainct Michaell, haue, finde, kepe, susteine, and mainteyne thre stoned trotting horses for the saddle, of the age and height afore mencioned, vpon the payne aboue specified to be lost forfayte and recouered in maner and fourme as is aforesaid. And that euery other bishop, vicount, and baron of this realme, not afore mencioned, and also euery spirituall person hauing benefices or promotions to the yerely value of fiue hundreth markes: And euery temporal person, hauing landes, tenementes, offices, fees, or annuities, for terme of his life, in his owne right or his wifes, to the yerely value of syxe hundreth markes, after the saide feast of saincte Michaell, shall haue, finde, kepe, susteine, and mainteine two stoned trotting horses for the saddle, in maner and fourme and vpon the payne afore rehersed. And that euery other spirituall person, being vnder the degree of a bysshop, hauing benefices or promotions to the clere yerely value of a hundreth poundes or aboue, and not to the yerely value of fiue hundred markes: And all and euery other person temporall, not afore mencioned whose wife after the feast of sainct Michaell the archangell next hereafter mencioned in thys acte, shall weare any goune of sylke, or whose wife shall weare any frenche hoode or bonet of veluet, with anye habiliment, paste, or edge of golde, perle, or stone, or any chain of gold about their neckes, or in their partlettes, or in anye apparell of their bodye shall after the feast of sainct Michaell the archangell, which shalbe in the yere of our lorde god a thousande fiue hundred fortie and fiue, haue, kepe, susteine and maynteine, as is aforesaide one stoned trottinge horse for the saddell, vpon the peine that euery suche spirituall person, vnder the degree of a bishop, hauing landes, tenementes, benefices or promocions to the yerelis value of a hundred poundes and not to the yerely value of fiue hundred markes as is aforesayde: and euery other temporall personne, whose wife after the said feast of saincte Michaell, shall weare any gowne of sylke, or whose wife shall weare any frenche hoode or bonet of veluet, with any habiliment paste or edge of golde, perle, or stone, or anye chaine of goulde about their neckes, or in their partlettes, or in anye apparell of their bodye, shall lose and forfayte for euery tyme, that any of them shall wante or lacke

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by the ſpace of three monethes, one trottinge ſtooned horſe, of the heighte and age aforeſayde, tenne pounde, the one moitye therof to the kinge, and the other to ſuche as will ſue for the ſame, in ſuche fourme as is afore mencioned.

¶ And be it enacted by aucthoritie aforeſaid, that the Juſtices of aſſiſes, & Juſtices of peace, ſhall haue power and aucthoritie within the limittes of their aucthoritie, to here and determine the defaultes done contrary to thys acte as well by preſentment as informacion, and to make ſuch proceſſe vpon anye preſentment and informacion afore them, as in any other caſes of treſpaſſes and contemptes done againſt the fourme of anye eſtatutes, and ſhall ſet no leſſe fine or peine vpon ſuche perſons as ſhall be conuicte by confeſſion or triall for offending this acte, than is aboue limitted.

¶ And for the better obſeruacion of this acte: Be it further ordeined by aucthoritie aforeſaid, that euery ſhiriffe in any ſhire of this realme ſhall doe his diligence and good endeuour, to ſerche and knowe by vertue of his office, all defaultes done or committed by any perſon or perſons, in lackynge of horſes contrary to this acte, as ſhall happen within the ſhire where he is ſhireffe, and ſhall once in the yere, that is to ſay in the terme of ſaincte Michaell, certifie the ſayde defaultes, if any be in the kinges Eſcheker, by writinge vnder his ſeale, to the entente that proceſſe may be made againſt the offendours accordingly, And that euery ſuch certificates of the ſhiriffe, ſhall be of as good force and effecte againſt the offendours of thys acte, as any informacion therof in the ſayde Eſcheker. And in caſe any ſhall be conuicte vppon anye ſuche certificates by confeſſion or triall, accordinge to the courſe of the lawe, than the ſhiriffe makinge ſuche certificates, ſhall haue one moitie of the forfayture, and the kinges maieſtie the other moytye therof.

¶ Prouided alwayes, that no perſon ſhall be impeched, moleſted, or troubled for any offence done contrary to thys acte by bill, action, informacion, preſentment or certificates of the Shireffe, onles that ſuche bill, action, informacion, preſentment or certificates be made or had wythin on yere next after the offence done contrary to this acte, any thing in this act to the contrary hereof not withſtanding.

¶ Prouided alwayes that this acte nor any thinge therin conteyned ſhall extende to anye ſonnes and heires apparaunt of any Duke, Marques, erle vicount, or baron, nor to the ſonnes or heires apparant of any other perſō, hauinge landes, tenementes or hereditamentes to the yerely value of fyre hundred markes or aboue to bynde or compell any ſuche heyres apparant, to finde or kepe any horſes by vertue of this acte in the lyfe of their fathers except ſuch ſonnes and heires apparant haue landes, tenementes, annuities, fees, or offices, to the yearely value of fiue hundred markes, but that euery ſuche ſonnes and heyres apparant, excepte before excepte, may doe as they did or mought doo afore the makinge of this acte, any thinge in thys acte to the contrary therof not withſtandinge.

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¶ Prouided alwaies that if any such sonne & heire haue landes tenementes hereditamentes fees offices or annuities for terme of life in his owne righte, or in the right of his wife, to the clere yerely value of fiue hundred markes, that then such sonnes and heires hauinge such landes tenementes heriditamentes fees offices or annuities, to the clere yerely value of fiue hundred markes, as is aforesaide, shall finde kepe susteine and mainteine one trottinge horse for the saddle in fourme aforesaide, vppon the peine of.xx. li. to be lost and forfait for euery three monethes that any suche sonne & heire shall lacke and want a trotting stoned horse, as is aforesaide.

¶ And be it prouided and enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that if ỳ wife of any person or persons weare any velvet in the lininge or other parte of her gowne, other then in the cuffes or purfles of suche gowne, or els weare any velvet in hyr kyrtell, or weare any petycote of silke, that than the husbande of euery suche wyfe shall finde one stoned horse of the statute aboue in this acte recited, or shall incurre the aboue said penaltie and forfaiture of.x. poundes, to be levied and recouered as is afore declared.

¶ Prouided also that thys act or any thing therin conteined shal not extēd to charge any person or persons whose wife or wives, shal weare any of the apparaile or thinges aboue rehersed, duringe the time suche wife or wyves shal be devorced from hir or their husbande, or husbandes, or shall willyngely absent hir selfe from hir said husbande, and duringe suche absence shall weare any of the apparell or other thinges afore recited.

¶ Prouided alwaies ỳ heyres within the age, being wardes, whose lands tenementes and hereditaments amounte to the yerely value of.CC.li. shall not be compelled by auctoritie of this act, tyll they come to their full age to kepe any horses, although the wives of such heires within age weare any goune of silke, or any frenche hood or bonet of velvet, with any habilliment paste or edge of gold perle or stone, or any chaine of gold about their neckes or in their partlets, or in any apparell of their body, any thing in this act to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ Prouided also that if all or any the horses kept by vertue of this act, shall happē to be killed maimed or loste in the seruice of the kinges warres, that then in euery such case the owners of such horse or horses, so killed maymed perished or lost in the warres, shall haue libertie by the space of two yeres nexte after suche chaunce of killinge maymynge perishinge or losinge theyr horses to prouide other horses in theyr stede and place of the horses so killed maymed perished or loste in the warres, without any danger losse or penaltie of this act, any thing in this act to the contrary therof not withstanding.

¶ Prouided also that cart horses or sumpter horses shall not be taken reputed or reckened for such carte horses, which any person is or shalbe bounden to kepe by vertu of this acte.

¶ An acte concerning crosselbowes and handgunnes. Cap. vi.

Where in the parliament holden at Westminster, the xb day of Januarye, in the xxb. yere of the kinges moste gracious reigne, and ther continued and kepte vntill the xxx. daye of March then nert ensuinge, amonge diuers and sundry holsome and laudable actes statutes and ordinaunces, one statute and ordenaunce was made and ordeined for the auoydyng and eschewing of shoting in Crossebowes and handgunnes: Syns the makyng of which acte diuers malicious and euill disposed persons, not onely presumsinge wilfuly and obstenately the violacion and breach of the said acte, but also of their malicious and euil disposed mindes and purposes, haue wilfully and shamfully committed perpetrated and done diuers detestable and shamefull murders, roberies, felonies, riottes and routes wyth crossebowes, litel short handgunnes, and litle hagbuttes, to the great peril and continuall feare and daunger of the kinges most louing subiectes, and also diuers kepers of forestes chases and parkes, as well of our sayde souerayne lorde, as other his nobles and commons, and diuers gentlemen yomen and seruinge men nowe of late haue layde aparte the good & laudable exercise of the long bowe, which alwaye hertofore hath ben the suerty sauegarde and continuall defence of this realme of Englande, and an inestimable dread and terrour to the enemies of the same. And nowe of late the said euyl disposed persons haue vsed and yet do dayly vse to ryde and go in the kinges high wayes and els where, hauing with them crossebowes and litel handgunnes ready furnished with quarelles gunpouder, fyre, & touche, to the great perill and feare of the kinges most louing subiectes. For reformacion wherof be it enacted ordeined and established by the king our souerayne lorde, the lords spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctorite of the same, in maner and forme folowing, That is to say, that no person or persons, of what estate or degree he or they be, except he or thei in their owne right, or in the right of his or their wiues, to his or their owne vses, or any other to the vse of anye such person or persons, haue landes tenementes fees annuities or offices to the perely valu of one hundreth pounds, from or after the last day of June nert commynge, shall shote in any crossebowe handgunne hagbut or demyhake, or vse or kepe in his or their houses or els where, any crossebow handgunne, hagbut or demy hake, otherwise or in any other maner, than is hereafter in this present acte declared, vpon peine to forfait for euery time that he or they so offende contrary to this acte. x. li.

¶ And furthermore be it enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that no person or persons, of what estate or degree so euer he or thei be, from or after the sayd last day of June, shall shote in, carry, kepe, vse or haue in his house or els wher any handgunne, other than suche as shall be in the stocke and gunne of the length of one hole yarde, or any hagbut or demy hake, other then suche as shalbe in the stocke a gun of the length of thre quarters of one yarde, vpon peine to forfaite for euery time that he or they shal shote in, carry vse or haue

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any ſuche gunne, beinge not of the length of one hole yarde, or hagbutte or demy hake, being not of the length of three quarters of a yard. r. li ſterling And that it ſhall be lawfull to euery perſon and perſons, which haue landes tenementes, fees, annuities or offices to the yearely value of one hundreth pounides, as is aforeſaid, to ſeaſe and take euery ſuch croſſebowe, and alſo euery handgunne beinge in ſtocke, gunne ſhorter in length than one hole yard, and euery hagbutte and demy hake, being ſhorter in length than three quarters of a yarde, or any of them, from the kepinge or poſſeſſion of euery ſuch offender contrary to the forme of this acte, and the ſame croſſebowe or croſbowes to kepe and retaine to his or their owne vſe. And alſo the ſame handgūnes hagbuttes & demy hakes, ſo ſeiſed and taken, within. xx. dayes nexte after the ſame ſeiſure or takinge, to breake and deſtroy, vpon peine of xl. s. for euery gunne ſo ſeaſed and not broken and deſtroied, and the ſame ſo broken and deſtroied, to kepe and reteine to his or their owne vſe.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforeſaid, that no ꝑſon or perſōs, other than ſuch as haue lādes tenemētes rentes fees annuities or offices, to the yerely value of one hundreth poūdes as is aforeſaid, from or after the ſaid laſt date of June, ſhall cary or haue in his or their iourney, going or riding in the kinges high waies, or els where, any croſſebowe bent, or gun charged or furniſhed with pouder fire or touch for the ſame, except it be in time & ſeruice of warre, vpon peine to forfait for euery ſuch offence x. li. this preſent act, or any thing therin conteined to the contrary not withſtāding.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforeſaid, that no perſon or perſons from the ſaide laſt daye of June, ſhall in any wiſe ſhote in or with any handgunne demy hake or hagbut at any thing at large, within any citie boroughe or market towne, or within one quarter of a mile of any citie boroughe or market towne, except it be at a but or banke of erthe in place cōuenient, or for the defence of his perſon or houſe, vpon peine to forfaite for euery ſuch ſhotte. x. li. this preſent acte, or any thing therin conteined to the contrary not withſtandinge.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctho̅itie aforeſaide, that no perſon or perſons of what eſtate or degre ſo euer he or they be, ſhall from or after the ſaid laſt day of June, commaunde any of his or their ſeruantes to ſhote in any croſſebowe handgunne hagbut or demy hake, of his or their ſaid mayſters, or of any other perſons, to any dere, foule, or other thing, excepte it be onely at a butte or banke of erthe, or in the time of warre, as is aboue ſaide, vpon peyne to forfait for euery ſuch offence. x. li. The one moitie of all which forfaiture and penalties in this preſent acte aboue ſpecified, ſhall be to the kynge our ſouerayngne lord, his heires and ſucceſſours, and the other moitie therof to the partie that will ſue for the ſame, by bill plainte action of dette or infor̄macion in any of the kinges courtes of recorde, in whiche ſuite no eſſion protection nor wager of lawe ſhall be allowed.

¶ Prouided alwaye and be it enacted by the auctho̅itie aforeſayde, that it ſhall be lawfull from henceforthe to all gentyll men, yomen and ſeruinge

men of euerye lorde or lordes ſpirituall or tempozall, and of all knightes eſquiers and gentlemen, and to all the inhabitauntes of cities bozoughes and market townes of this realme of Englande, to ſhote with any handgunne demy hake or hagbutte at any butte or banke of erth, onely in place conuenient for the ſame, ſo that euery ſuch handgunne demy hake and hagbutte be of the ſeuerall lengthes afozeſayd, and not vnder, And that it ſhalbe laufull to euery of the ſayd lorde and lordes knightes eſquiers and gentlemen, & the inhabitantes of euery citie bozough & market towne, to haue & kepe in euery of their houſes any ſuche handgunne or handgunnes of the length of one hole yard, or any hagbut or demy hake of the lẽgth of three quarters of a yarde, as is afozeſayd, and not vnder, to the intent to vſe & ſhote in the ſame at a butte or banke of erthe onely as is abouеſaide, whereby they & euery of them by the exerciſe therof in forme abouеſaid, may the better ayd and aſſiſt to the defence of this realme, whan nede ſhall require, this preſent acte or any thing therin conteined to the contrary not withſtanding.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctozitie afozeſaid, that it ſhalbe laufull to euery perſon and perſons, whiche dwelleth and inhabiteth in any houſe ſtandinge and being ſet diſtant two furlonges from anye citie bozough or towne, to kepe and haue in his ſaid houſe, for the onely defence of the ſame, handgunnes hagbuttes & demy hakes, beinge of the ſeuerall lengthes afoze ſaide, and not vnder, and to vſe & exerciſe to ſhote in the ſame at any butte or banke of erth nere to his houſe, & not otherwiſe: any thing conteined in this acte to the contrary not withſtandinge.

¶ And futhermoze the kinges moſt louinge ſubiectes, the lozdes ſpirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this preſent parliamẽt aſſembled, moſt humbly do beſeche the kinges maieſtie, that it be further enacted by the auctozitie afozeſaid, that all letters patentes fraternities and alſo al other placardes licences and byll aſſigned hertofoze had made or ſigned by his highnes or by anye other aucthoziſed by his highnes letters patentes vnder hys great ſeale, to geue licence and placarde to ſhote in croſſebowes and handgunnes or any of them ſhalbe from and after the ſayde laſte daye of June, fruſtrate voyde and of none effecte.

¶ And alſo that it may be further enacted by aucthozitie afozeſaid, that the ſaid ſtatute, made in the ſaid .xxb. yeare of the kinges moſt gracious reigne, and all other ſtatutes heretofoze made and prouided for the auoydinge and reſtreint of ſhoting in croſſebowes and handgunnes or for any of them, or for the vſing and keping of the ſame, be from henceforth vtterly voyde and of none effecte.

¶ Prouided alwaies, that euery proceſſe ſuite or informacion cõcetued commenſed and nowe depending, for any offence done contrary to the fourme of the ſaid ſtatute, made in the ſaide .xxb. yere of the kings moſt noble reigne or of any other ſtatute, made prouided for and concerninge the ſhotinge in croſſebowes and handgunnes not repelled, and for the keping of the ſame, ſhalbe as good and effectual to the parties that haue cõmenſed the ſame, &

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shall stande and be in such fourme effect degre and condicion, as if this act had neuer bene made.

¶ Prouided also, that this acte or any thing therin conteined, be not in any wise hurtfull or preiudiciall to any perso or persons, now being, or that hereafter shal be appointed by the kinges highnes, to kepe receiue or take anye crossebowes or handgunnes, that shal be forfaited or take within this precincte or liberte of the kinges forestes parkes or chases, but that he or they maye lawfully kepe and reteine the same crossebowes or handgunnee from tune to time, vntill suche tyme as the further pleasure of the kinges hyghenes in that behalfe be to euery suche person shewed and declared,

¶ Prouided also that this acte extend not to the makers of crossebowes or handgunnes, but that they may laufully kepe crossebowes & handgunnes hagbuttes and demy hakes in their houses, and shote in the same, only for prouing and assaiyng of them at a butte or banke of erth in the place conuenient, and not otherwise: so that the said handgunnes hagbuttes & demy hakes be of the seuerall lengthes in stocke and gun, as is aboue limited.

¶ Prouided also, that this acte nor anye thinge therin conteined, extende not, or be preiudiciall to any marchantes, which haue or shal haue any crosbowes handgunnes hagbuttes and demy hakes, or ani of them, to sel with in this realme, & to none other vse: so that the same handgunnes hagbuttes and demy hakes be of the seuerall lengthes in gun & stocke as is aboue lymitted, and not vnder.

¶ Prouided also that no maner of persone runne in anye daunger or take hurte by reason of any penaltie or forfaiture conteined in this act, vntil such time as proclamacio be made of the same acte, within the countie, wher the partie, that shal or may offend contrary to this act, dwelleth, by the space of xx. dayes nexte after the makinge of the said proclamacion.

¶ Prouided also, that if any maner of person bringe or cause to be brought with him into his lodging, or in or to any other mans house, any crosbowe or handgunne, that than the penaltie and forfaiture, if any such be or hereafter shal be forfaited by reason of this acte, to runne and be onely vppon the bringer of the saide crossebowe and handgunne, and not to the owner of the same lodging or house, if the said owner of the saide lodging or house cause the said bringer therof to take and to cary away the said crosbowe or handgunne againe with him at his departing: Any thing in this act made to the contrary not withstandinge.

¶ And be it also enacted by the auctorite of this present parliamēt, that if any person or persons, from or after the last day of June next comming, see or find any person or persons offending or doing contrary to the forme and effecte of this acte, that then it shalbe lefull to euery such person or persons, perceiuinge, findinge or seinge any such person or persons so offending contrary to the forme of this acte, to arreste and attache euery such offender or offenders, and to bring or conuey the same to the next iustice of the peace of the same countie, where the said offender or offenders shall be founde so of-

lendurg. And that the same Justice of peace, vpon a due examinacion and proffe therof before him had or made by his discreasiō, shall haue full power & auctoritie to sende or cōmitte the same offender or offenders to the nerte iaile there to remaine tyl such time as the saide penaltie or forfaiture shalbe truely contented and payd, by the said offender: The one moitie of the same penaltie to be paid to the kinges highnes, and the other moitie therof to the first bringer or conueyer of the saide offender to the same Justice of peace.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctheritie aforesaid, that if any person or persons do at any time hereafter obtein get or purchase of the kings maiestie, his heyres or successours, any placarde, licence or bill assigned, to shote in any crosbowe handgunne hagbut or demy hake, contrary to the tenour purport and effect of this present act: that then there shalbe conteined in euery such placard licence and bil assigned, at what beastes foules or other thinges the saide person or persons so obteininge any suche placarde licence or bill assigned, shal shote at with any crossebowe handgunne hagbutte or demy hake, or els that euery suche placarde licence and bill assigned hereafter to be obteined gotten or purchased, shalbe clerely voyd frustrate, and of none effecte. And also that euery suche person or persons so obteininge any suche plarde licence or bill assigned, before they shote in any suche crosbowe handgunne hagbutte or demy hake in any such maner or fourme as shalbe mēcioned in any such placarde licence or bill assigned, shalbe bounden in the kinges court of Chancery by recognisance in the summe of .xx.li to the kinges vse, with and vpon condition, that he so obteininge or hauinge the sayd licence placard or bill assigned shall not shote in any crossebowe handgunne hagbut or demy hake, at any other beastes or foules, than in any such placarde licence or bill assigned shall be conteined and specified, and els all such placardes licences & billes assigned so hereafter to be made to anye person or persons, not being so bounden by recognisance in the courte of the Chancerie, as is aforesaid, to be vtterly voyd and of none effecte.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctheritie aforesaid, ẏ it shalbe lawfull to all Justices of the peace in their sessiōs, and to all stewards and bailiffes in their seuerall letes and lawdaies, to enquire here and determin euerye such offence, after the said last day of June, to be committed & done cōtrary to the tenor of this present act: so that alwaies no lesse fine than ten poūds be assessed vpon euery such presentment and conuiction, made accordinge to the due course of the lawe, the same fine so by the same iustices of peace vpon euery such presentment & conuiction made before thē in their sessions, to be payd and leuied onely to the kinges vse: and the one moitie of euery fyne to be assessed by ẏ stewardes or baylyffes of any lete or lawday, vpō euery presentment and conuiction before them to be made to be paydе and leuied to the vse of the king our soueraigne lorde. And the other moitie the one halfe to the owner of the said lete or lawday by distresse or action of det and the other halfe of the same seconde moitie of the same fine, to be to the partie that will pursue for the same, in any of the kinges courtes, by bill,

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¶ And be it further enacted, that if any Jurie beinge ſwoꝛne & charged to enquire foꝛ the king our ſoueraigne loꝛde, befoꝛe any iuſtices of the peace, oꝛ ſtewards of letes oꝛ lawdais, of any offences committed oꝛ done contrary to this pꝛeſent acte, doe wilfully concele any of the ſame offences, that than the ſaide Juſtices, ſtewardes oꝛ bailiffes, befoꝛe whome any concelement ſhalbe had & done, ſhal haue auctoꝛitie by vertu of this pꝛeſent act, frō time to time to charge and ſweare an other Jurie of .xii. oꝛ mo good and ſubſtā-ciall honeſt perſons, to inquire of euery ſuch concelement. And if any ſuche concelement be founde and pꝛeſented by the ſaide Jurie ſo charged to enquire of the ſame, that then euerye one of the ſaide firſte Jurie that ſo dyd concele the ſame, ſhal leſe and foꝛfaite foꝛ euery ſuche concelement of euery ſuche offence .xx.s. All whiche foꝛfaitures and penalties of .xx. s. foꝛ euerye ſuche concelement of euerie ſuch offence ſo founde and pꝛeſented befoꝛe the ſame Juſtices of peace, ſhall wholy be leuied and paide to the kinges vſe. And the moitie of all the ſame foꝛfaitures and penalties of .xx.s. ſo founde and pꝛeſented befoꝛe the ſtewardes oꝛ baſliffes of ani lete oꝛ lawday, ſhalbe leuied and paid to the vſe of the owner of the ſaid lete oꝛ lawday by diſtreſſe oꝛ action of dette: and the other moitie thereof to be to the partie oꝛ parties, that will ſue foꝛ the ſame by action, infoꝛmacion, bill, oꝛ plaint, in any of the kinges courtes, in the whiche actions, infoꝛmacions, billes, oꝛ playntes, no wager of lawe eſſoin noꝛ pꝛotection ſhalbe allowed.

¶ Pꝛouided alwaies, & be it enacted by the auctoꝛitie afoꝛeſaide, that if any perſon oꝛ perſons hereafter in any part do offende oꝛ doe cōtrary to the puruew and remedie of this act, wherupon cauſe of action foꝛ the ſame offence ſhalbe giuen to the kinge his heires oꝛ ſucceſſours, oꝛ to any other perſon oꝛ perſones that will ſue by vertue of this acte foꝛ the punyſhment of the ſaid offence oꝛ foꝛfaitures, that if the king our ſoueraigne loꝛd, his heires oꝛ ſucceſſours, within one yere nert and immediatly after ſuch offences and foꝛfaites hadde and made, do not purſewe their action oꝛ actions, ſo gyuen by this acte, oꝛ cauſe examinacion vpon ſuch defaultes and offences to be had and made, befoꝛe their counſaile, oꝛ other pꝛeſentmentes therof to be had, accoꝛding to the meaning of the ſame acte: And euery other perſon, which hereafter by vertue of this acte, may haue action oꝛ actions ſuite oꝛ infoꝛ-macion vpon this ſtatute, within halfe a yeare nert and immediately after ſuch offences oꝛ foꝛfaites had and made doe not commence their ſutes in-foꝛmacion, actions oꝛ pꝛeſentmentes of and vppon the ſayde foꝛfaites by action oꝛ otherwiſe, as in this pꝛeſent acte is limitted and declared: that than aſwell the kinge our ſoueraigne loꝛde his heires and ſucceſſours, af-ter one yeare nert after ſuche offences and foꝛfaites hadde and made, if no ſuite in his oꝛ their name be take by actiō oꝛ otherwiſe, as is befoꝛe expreſ-ſed, befoꝛe the ſame yere ended and determined, as euery other perſon after halfe a yere nert after like offences and foꝛfaites had & done in the fourme

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aforesayde, if no suite therupon be taken by none of them, in fourme aboue declared, be vtterly excluded and debarred of their saide suites, actions, informacions and examinaciõs to them giuen by vertue of the said acte: and the parties and euery of them so offending, shall be of all such offences and forfaites clerely discharged and quite: anye thinge in this acte comprysed to the contrary not withstandinge.

¶ Prouided alwaies and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that this present acte, ne any thinge therin conteined, shall in any wise extende or be preiudiciall vnto the kinges subiectes resident or inhabitinge nere vnto the costes of the sea in any parte of this realme, their houses beinge not aboue fiue miles distant from the same coastes: Nor also to any of the kinges said subiectes, inhabitinge within.xii. miles of the borders of Scotlande: Nor to anye the kinges subiectes inhabitantes of the towne and marches of Calice, nor to any of the inhabitantes, of the isles of Gersey, Gerneley, Angleley, and the isles of Wight and Man, but that it shall be lawfull for euerie of the said inhabitantes at all times hereafter, to haue, exercise, and vse their handgunnes, hagbuttes, and demy hakes, of the lengthes aboue sayd, within the limittes and Isles abouesaide, so that it be at no maner of deere, hearon, shouelarde, fesante, partriche, wilde swanne, or wilde elke, or any of them, this present acte or any thinge therin conteined to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ Prouided also that this acte ne anye thinge therin conteined, be in anye wise hurtefull or preiudiciall to any seruant or person, that hereafter from the saide last daye of June, shall bend, beare, carye, charge, vse, or assaye, any crossebowe or any handgunne, demy hake or hagbutte, of the lenghtes abouesaide, by the commaundement of his lorde or maister, so that the said seruant or person, doe not shote at any foule, deere, or other game: of what kinde or nature so euer they be of: nor also to any suche seruant, person, or persons, that shall after the saide laste daye of June, beare or conuey anye crossebowe, handgunne, hagbutte, or demy hake, of the lengthes aforesayde, to anye place or places by the commaundement of hys lorde or maister, that maye shote by auctoritie of this acte, to be amended, repaired, deliuered, or assayed, so that the sayde seruaunte or other personne, so bringinge or conueynge the sayde crossebowe, handgunne, hagbutte or demye hake, haue redy to shewe to euerye personne, requiringe the syghte therof, one licence in writinge sealed or subscribed by his sayde lorde or maister, to cary and conuey the same crossebowe, handgunne, hagbutte or demie hake, to the entente to be amended, repayred, assaied or deliuered, as is aforesayde.

¶ Prouided alwaies, that this acte, or anye thinge therin conteined, shall not extende to anye owner of anye shippe, for haulinge or keepinge of anye handgunne, hagbutte, or demie hake of the seuerall lengthes in this acte expressed, or vnder, onely to be had and occupied within anye theyr shyp or other vessell, or for the cariage & recariage of them or of any of thẽ on land

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or keping of them, for the only exercise and occupieng of them within their saide shippe or vessell: Any thinge in this acte to the contrary in anye wyse not withstanding.

## ¶ An act concerning the conueiaunce of brasse, laten, and bell mettall ouer the sea. Cap. vii.

Where in the parliament holdē at westminster ỳ third day of Nouember, in the xxi. yeare of the reigne of our soueraygne lorde the kinge that now is, amongest other thinges it was enacted, that no person or persons should from thencefoorth carye or conuey any brasse, copper, laten, bell mettall, gunne mettall, ne shroffe mettall into any parte or partes beyonde the sea, vppon peine of forfaiture of the sayde mettall, as by the sayde acte more playnelie appereth. Sith the making of whiche estatute dyuers persons, as well Englishemen as straungers, haue by deceite fully obteyned licences of the kinges highnes, to carye ouer bell mettall, and other broken mettall, surmising the same metals not to be mete for making of gunnes, or other engine of warre, nor for implementes necessary for household, whiche surmise is proued vntrue, as the common experience thereof dayely declareth: So that all other realmes and countries be full of artillarye and munitions, and this realme is lyke to lacke, if more hastie remedie to stoppe the conueiance of the same be not further prouided then is in the same acte. Wherefore may it please the kinges highnes, and the lordes spirytuall, and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by aucthoritie of the same to enacte, that no person or persons from hencefoorth shall cary or conuey by water or otherwise, any brasse, coppet, latten, bel mettal, pan metal, gunne metal, nor shroffe mettall, whether it be cleane or mixed (tin and leade onely excepted) into any parte beyonde the sea, or into any outwarde realme or dominion what so euer it be, vpon peine to forfaite the double value of the same mettall so caried and conueyed, the one halfe thereof to be to the kinge our soueraygne lorde, and the other to the partie that will sue for the same by writ bill, playnt, or informacion, in the which no essoine or protection shall be allowed.

¶ And further be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, for the true meaninge of this estatute, that the arriuall discharge and deliuerye of the sayde mettalles in anye partes beyonde the sea, or in anye other foreyn relme or dominion, shalbe tried and determined within this realme, in suche countie or place where the said mettall or mettals were shipped or first caried, with like proces and determinacion as al other informaciōs or action to be tried and adiuged within this realme, or as the same fact had ben done within this realme and dominion.

¶ And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaide, that no persone nor persons at any time hereafter, shall shippe or carie any of the saide metalles

talles afore reherſed, to cary or diſcharge the ſame in any parte of this realme, onelesſe ſuch perſon or perſons before the ſhippinge therof doe declare and manifeſt vnto the cuſtomer of ſuch porte or cricke, where the ſame mettall ſhalbe ſhipped, the true weight of all ſuch mettall as ſhalbe ſhipped, and alſo ſhall make a ſufficient obligacion in the lawe, in the whiche he ſhalbe bounden to the ſayde cuſtomer to the kinges vſe, in ſuche ſumme as ſhall amounte to the double value of the ſayd mettall ſo declared and manifeſted, with condicion, that the ſame ſhalbe diſcharged at ſome port or cricke with in this realme, and in no other place, vppon peine to forfaite the ſame in maner and fourme aboue reherſed. And that euery ſuche perſon or perſons that ſhall ſhippe ſuche mettalle, and be and ſhall be bounden as is afore-ſaid ſhall within eight monethes nexte after the ſhippynge therof, bringe a true certificate from the cuſtomer of the porte, cricke or place, where he or they ſhall happen to diſcharge the ſame mettall, teſtifienge that the ſame mettall ſo ſhipped, and the true weight therof, is there diſcharged: which certificate the cuſtomer of ſuche place, where the ſaide mettall ſhall be diſcharged, ſhall vppon the diſcharge therof, make and deliuer to the partie ſo diſcharging, or to his factour without any delay.

¶ And be it further enacted, that if any cuſtomer or his deputie, by couin or by any other vndue meane, do make any falſe, or vntrue certificate concerninge the ſaid diſcharging of ſuch mettall, contrary to the true meaning of this acte, that then ſuche cuſtomer, ſo falſely or vntruely certifienge, as is afore-ſayde, ſhall loſe his office, and alſo the value of the goodes ſo conceled out of the ſayd certificate.

¶ Prouided alway that if the ſaid mettall by tempeſt of wether be drowned, or by enemies or pirates robbed and ſpoyled, and that ſufficiently proued without fraude or couin before the cuſtomer and comptroller, or theyr ſufficient deputies, in the porte where the partie or parties ſo ſhipped the mettalles afore-ſaide or any of them, by the ſaide partie or parties or theyr executours, that then he or they ſo bringinge ſuche ſufficient proufe, ſhall haue his obligacion to him deliuered, or els he and his executours therof to be acquited and clerely diſcharged, any thing in this acte to the contrary contened not withſtanding.

¶ Prouided alway and be it enacted by the aucthoritie afore-ſaid, that this act ſhall onely take his effect and be put in execucio from and after the firſt day of Aprill nert comming.

## ¶ An acte againſt coniuracions, witchcraftes, ſorcerie, and enchauntementes. Cap. viii.

Where diuers and ſundrye perſons vnlawfully haue deuiſed and practiſed inuocacyons and coniuracyons of ſpyrytes, pretendynge by ſuche meanes to vnderſtande and gette knowledge for theyr owne lucre, in what place treaſure of golde and ſiluer ſhould or mought be founde or hadde in the earthe

erthe or other secrete places, and also haue vsed and occupied witchcraftes inchauntementes and sorceries, to the distruction of their neighbours persons and goodes: And for execucion of the sayd false deuises and practyses haue made or caused to be made diuers images & pictures of men, women childzen, angels, or diuels, beastes or foules, and also haue made crownes scepters, swordes, rinses, glasses, and other thinges: And giuing fayth and credit to such fantasticall practises, haue digged vp and pulled downe an infinite number of crosses within thys realme, and taken vpon them to declare and tel where things lost or stolen should be become, which things can not be vsed and exercised, but to the great offence of goddes lawe, hurt and damage of the kinges subiectes, and losse of the soules of suche offendours to the great dishonour of God, infami and disquietnes of this realm. For reformacion wherof be it enacted by the kinge our soueraigne lorde, with the assente of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliamēt assembled, and by aucthoritie of the same, that if any person or persons, after the first day of May nert cōming, vse deuise practise or exercise, or cause to be vsed, deuised, practised or exercised anye inuocacions or coniuracions of spirites, witchcraftes, enchauntementes, or sorceries, to thintent to get or finde money or treasure, or to waste, consume or destroy any person in his body, members or goodes, or to prouoke any person to vnlawfull loue, or for any other vnlawfull intent or purpose, or by occasion or colour of suche thinges or any of them, or for dispite of Christe, or for lucre of money, dig vp or pull downe any crosse or crosses, or by suche inuocacions or coniuracions of spirites witchecraftes, enchauntementes or sorcerie, or any of them, take vpon them to tell or declare wher goodes stolen or loste shal be become: that then all and euery such offence & offences frō the sayde first day of May nerte comming, shalbe demed and adiudged felonie: And that all and euery person and persons offendinge as is aboue said, their counsailours abbettours and procurers and euery of them, from the sayd first day of May, shall be demed accepted and adiudged a felon and felones. And the offender and offenders contrary to this acte, being therof lawfully conuicte before such as shall haue power and aucthoritie to here and determine felonies, shall haue and suffer such peines of death, losse and forfaitures of their landes, tenementes, goodes and cattels as in cases of felony by the course of the common lawes of this realme, and also shal lose the priuilege of ỳ clergie and sanctuarie.

## An act for the maintenaunce of artillarie, debarring vnlawfull games. Cap. ix.

MOste humblie complainynge shewe vnto your highnes your dayly oratours the bowyers, fletchers, stringers and arrowe-head makers of this your realme, that where for the aduaunce-ment and maintenaunce of archery, the better to be maintened and

and had within the same, and for the auoidinge of diuers and many vnle-full games and plaies, occupied and practised within this realme, to the greate hurte and let of shotyng & archery, diuers good and lawfull statutes haue ben deuised enacted & made, amongest which one was made in a parliamēt holdē at westminster, in ỳ third yere of your most gracious reign and the same act made perpetuall in the parliament there holden, in the .vi yere of your sayde reigne, the which good and laudable acte not withstanding dyuers and many subtill inuentatiue and craftie persons, intendynge to defraude the same estatutes, sithens the making therof, haue founde and dayly find many and sundry new and craftie games & playes, as logating in the fieldes, slide thryft, otherwise called shoue grote, as well within the citie of London, as els where in many other and diuers parties of thys realme, kepyng houses, plaies and aleies for the mayntenance therof by reason wherof archery is sore decayed, and daily is lyke to be more and more minished, and diuers bowyers and fletchers, for lacke of worke, gone and inhabit them selues in Scotland and other places out of this realme, there worcking and teaching their science to the puissāce of the same, to the great comforte of estraungers, & detriment of thys realme. And where also your graces subiectes bowiers, fletchers, and other artificers afore named from tyme to time resort, repayre, and come out of all places of this your realme, vnto the citie of London, for lacke of liuyng, and doe inhabit nigh the same citie, or in the suburbes of the same citie, and in the stretes & lanes of ỳ same citie, beynge no free men of the same citie, nor bearing nother scot, lot nor other charges within your sayd citie, as other citizens & fre men of the same citie, do and are bound to do, & by their othes are sworne to do, and which citizens and fre men of your sayde citie of the misteries and craftes before rehersed, which haue bene brought vp as prentiles from their youth, dwellyng within the fredome of your sayd citie of London, are alwayes in redines to furnish your graces affayres whan they shall be commaunded: By reson of the whiche resorting and abode of suche forreynes and straungers, of the misteries & craftes before rehersed, in the suburbes stretes and lanes of the same citie, other cities, townes, villages, & places within this realme remayne and be vnfurnished of artificers and craftes men before rehersed to the great decay of the archerie of this realme. And for as muche as it appereth by the preamble of ỳ said estatute, enacted the sayd third yere, which was established and made perpetuall in the forsaid .vi. yere of your moste gracious reigne, that your highnes, calling to your most noble & gracious remembraunce, that by the feare and exercise of the subiectes of this your realme, in shotinge in longe bowes, there hath continually growen & bene within the same great number & multitude of good archers, whyche hath not onely defended thys realme, and the subiectes therof, against the cruell malice and daunger of theyr outwarde enemies in time heretofore paste, but also with litel number and puissaunce, in regarde, haue done many notable actes and discomfitures of warre, against the infedels & other, &

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furthermoze ſubdued and reduced diuers and many regions and countries to their due obeiſance, to the great honour fame and ſuertie of thys realme and ſubiectes, and to the terrible dread and feare of all ſtrange nacions, any thing to attempte or do to the hurt or damage of them or any of them: yet neuer the leſſe archerie, and ſhotynge in longe bowes, was lyttell vſed, but dayly did miniſhe decaye and abate more and more, for that muche partye of the cominaltie and poore people of this realme, wherby of olde time the great numbre and ſubſtance of archers hath growen and multiplied, were not of power or abilitie to bye them longe bowes of ewe, to exerciſe ſhoting in the ſame, and to ſuſteine the continuall charge thereof, and alſo by meanes and occaſion of cuſtomable vſage of tennys playe, boules, cloyſhe and other vnlawfull games, prohibited by many good & beneficiall eſtatutes, by aucthoritie of parliament in that behalfe prouided and made, great impoueriſhment hath enſued, and many heynous murders robberies and felonies were commited and done, and alſo the deuine ſeruice by ſuche miſdoers on holy and feſtiuall dayes not harde or ſolemniſed, to the highe diſpleaſure of almightie god, as by the forſaide preamble more plainely maye appeare. It maye therfore be enacted by your highnes, the lordes ſpirituall and temporall, and the commons in this preſent parliament aſſembled, and by the auctheritie of the ſame, that euery man, beinge the kinges ſubiecte, not lame decrepit nor maymed, nor hauinge any other lawfull or reaſonable cauſe or impediment, beynge within the age of .lx. yeres (excepte ſpirituall men, iuſtices of one benche and of the other, iuſtices of the aſſiſe and baronnes of the Eſcheker, ſhall from the feaſte of Pentecoſt nert comming vſe and exerciſe ſhoting in long bowes, and alſo haue a bowe and arrowes redy continually in his houſe, to vſe him ſelfe and doe vſe him ſelfe in ſhotynge: And alſo the father gouernours and rulers of ſuch as be of tender age, do teach and bringe vp them in the knowledge of the ſame ſhotynge: And that euerye man, hauynge a man chylde or men chyldren in his houſe, ſhall prouide ordeine and haue in his houſe, for euery man childe, beynge of the age of .vii. yeres and aboue, tyll he ſhall come to the age of .xvii. yeres, a bowe and two ſhaftes, to enduce and lerne them and bringe them vp in ſhotyng, and ſhall deliuer al the ſame bowe & arowes to the ſame ponge men, to vſe and occupie. And if the ſame ponge men be ſeruantes, that then their maiſters ſhall abate the money, that they ſhall paye for the ſame bowes and arrowes of theyr wages. And after all ſuch ponge men ſhal come to the age of xvii. yeres, euery of them ſhall prouide and haue a bowe and iiii arrowes continually for hym ſelfe at hys proper coſtes and charges, or els of the gyft or prouiſyon of hys frendes, and vſe and occuppe the ſame in ſhotynge, as is before reherſed. And if the mayſter ſuffre any of his ſeruãtes, taking wages being in his houſholde, and vnder the age of .xvii. yeres, or the father ſuffer anye of hys ſonnes, beinge in houſholde, and vnder the age of .xvii. yeares to lacke a bowe and two arrowes, contrary to the forme of this eſtatute by the ſpace of one moneth together: then the maiſter or father, in whome

such negligences shalbe, shall for euery such default forfait. vi.s. viii.d. And that euery seruaunt, passing the age of.xvii.yeres, and vnder the age of .lx. yeares, and takinge wages, whiche can or is able to shote, and shal lacke a bowe and .iiii. arrowes, by the space of one monthe together, shal for euery such default forfaite and lose. vi. viii.d.

¶ Be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that no mā, vnder the age of xviiii. yeares, shal shote at anye standinge pricke, excepte it be at a rouer, wherat he shall change at euery shote his marke, vpon peine for euery shote doinge the contrary. iiii.d. And that no other person aboue the saide age of xviiii. yeres, shall shote at anye marke of. xi. score yardes or vnder, with any prickeshafte or slight, vnder the peine to forfaite for euery shote. vi.s viii.d. And that no person, vnder the age of. xvii. yeres, excepte he or his father or mother haue landes or tenementes to the yerely value of. x.li. or be worth mouables the sūme of xl. markes sterling, shall shote in any bowe of ewe whiche shall be boughte for him after the feaste of the Purificacion of our lady next comminge, vnder the peine to lose and forfaite. vi.s. viii.d. And also that buttes be made on this syde the feaste of sayncte Michaell the archangell next comming in euery citie towne and place by the inhabitantes of euery suche citie towne and place accordinge to the lawe of auncient time vsed. And that ẏ inhabitantes and dwellers in euery of them be compelled to make and continue such buttes, vpon peine to forfaite for euery thre monethes so lacking. xx.s. And that the saide inhabitauntes shall exercise them selfe with longe bowes in shoting at the same, and els where, in holy dayes and other tymes conuenient.

¶ And to thintent that euery person may haue bowes of meane price, be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that euery bowier, dwelling out of ẏ citie & suburbes of London, shall after the said feaste of the Purification of our lady next comming, for euery bowe that he maketh of ewe, make. iiii. other bowes mete to shote in, of elme, wyche, hasyll, ashe, or other wood apte for the same, vnder the peine to lose and forfaite for euery such bowe so lacking iii.s. iiii.d. And euerye bowier dwellinge wythin the saide citie or suburbes of London, shall after the said feast of the Purification of our lady next cōminge, for euery bowe of ewe that he shall make shall also make two other bowes apte for shotinge, of ashe elme wyche hasyll or other wood mete for the same, vnder like peine and forfaiture.

¶ And be it also enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that no bowier shall sell anye bowe of ewe, for any person beinge betwene the age of. viii. yeares and .xiiii. yeres, aboue the price of .xii. d. And that the same bowyers shall haue bowes of ewe of all prices from .vi.d the piece, to xii.d. the piece, for youthe betwene the saide ages of. viii. yeres and. xiiii. yeres. And lykewyse haue bowes of ewe for youth betwene the age of. xiiii. yeres and. xvi. yeres and shall sell the same at reasonable prices. And moreouer that no bowyer shall sell or put to sale to any the kinges subiectes, anye bowe of ewe of the tare called elke, aboue the price of .iii.s. iiii.d. vnder the peyne to forfayte

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xx.s. for euery bowe solde to the contrary, aboue the said price of.iii.s.iiii.d. as appereth by a statute made in the .xvii. yere of the reign of king Edward the.iii. the fourthe chapiter. And that al bowe staues of ewe hereafter to be brought into this realme shalbe solde open & not in bundelles nor close, to the intente the biers of them may haue perfecte knowledge of the goodnes of them and geue the better price for them if they be so worthe.

¶ And furthermore by it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that fletchers of London & the suburbes of the same, may at their libertie sell seasonable tymber to euery fletcher of the countrey, without falling into any penaltie or daunger to any of their wardens for so doinge, and that all ordinaunces and other lawes made or to be made by theyr wardens or otherwise to the contrary, shalbe henceforth clerely frustrate and voyde.

¶ And also be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that ỹ bowyers, fletchers stringers and arrow head makers, repayring, and resorting vnto the said citie or the suburbes of the same, and there makinge their dwellinge or abydinge, beinge not fre men of the said citie, bearynge neither scot nor lot within the said citie, shal at al tymes, by ỹ appointmẽt of your graces most honorable counsaile, the lorde Chancellour of England for the tyme being, lorde treasorer, or the lorde priuie seale, or one of them, go and inhadyte suche cities boroughes & townes, as be destitute of suche artificers, and there to exercise occupie and practise, their sayd crafte and faculties, for the maintenaunce of artillary and archery. And yf any such person, to whom warning shall be so geuen by the kinges most honorable councell the lorde Chauncellour the lorde treasorer, or the lorde priuie seale, as is aforesayde, to departe vnto other townes or places of the said realme of Englande, from the sayd citie of London, the suburbes stretes lanes & places nere the same, refuse to accomplishe the same, that then he or they so refusing, shall forfayt for euery day that he shall make hys abode contrary to thys acte.xl.s.

¶ Be it also enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that no straũger borne out of the kynges obeysance, not beynge denizen, shall conuey or doe to be conueyed, geue sell or exchaung into any partes out of the kinges obeysaunce, any longe bowes arrowes or shaftes, without the kinges speciall lycence, vpon peyne of forfaiture of the same, where so euer they shalbe taken, or the value therof, within the kinges power, and vppon peyne of emprisonment without bayle or mainprise, vnto such time as he or they so being in ward, haue made a reasonable fine to the kinge for his or theyr offences afore the Justices of peace, or.ii. of them in the sessions in the same countye, where he or they shall be committed to warde, or fynde sufficiente suertie for the payment of the same fine. And that no maner of person, not being borne within the kinges obeysance, not made denizen, vse within the kinges obeysance shoting with long bowes, without the kinges licence, vpon peine of forfaiture suche bowes arrowes and shaftes as they shall be founden so shotinge with, and euery of the kinges subiectes may haue auctoritie to take & seise the same forfaitures to his owne vse. And that iustices of assyse of gayle de-

liuerie, iustice of peace, and stewardes of franchises leetes and lawdayes, haue power to enquire of all the premises in theyr sessions, leetes and lawdaies, and here and determine the same, & also by theyr discretion, examine all persons, lackynge and not hauynge bowes shaftes and arrowes accordynge to the fourme aforesaide.

¶ Be it also enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that no maner of person or persons, of what degree qualitie or condicion so euer he or they be, from the feast of the natiuitie of sainct John Baptist now next comming, by him selfe factour deputie seruaunt or other person, shall for his or their gaine lucre or liuynge, kepe haue holde occupie exercise or mainteine any common house aley or place of boulynge coytynge cloyshe cayles halfe boule tennys dysyng table or carding, or any other maner of game prohibit by any estatute heretofore made, or any vnlawfull newe game nowe inuented or made, or any other vnlawfull game hereafter to be inuented found had or made, vpon peyne to forfeite and pay for euery daie, kepinge hauing or maintenynge, or suffering any such game to be had kept executed plaied or mainteined within any such house gardeine aley or other place, contrary to the fourme and effecte of this estatute. xl.s. And also euery person vsing and haunting any of the sayd houses and plaies, and there playnge, to forfaite for euery time so doing. vi.s. viii.d. And if any pson hereafter sue for any placarde, to haue common gaminge in hys house, cõtrary to this estatute, that then it shall be conteined in the same placard, what game shalbe vsed in the same house, & what persons shall playe therat, & euery placard graunted to the contrary, to be voyde: and also that the partie obteininge any such placarde before he put the same in execution, shall be bound with sufficient sureties with hym by recognisaunce in the chauncery in a certeine summe, to be appoynted by the discreasion of the lorde Chauncellour of Englande, that he shall not vse the sayd placarde contrary to the fourme therof.

¶ Be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that it shall be lefull to all and euery the iustices of peace in euery shyre maires shiriffes bayliffes, and other head officers, within euery citie towne & borough within this realme, from time to time, as wel within liberties as without, as nede & cause shall require, to come enter and resorte into all and euery houses places and alleis, where such games shalbe suspected to be holden exercised vsed or occupied contrary to the fourme of this estatute, & as well the keepers of the same. as also the persons there hauntinge resortinge and playnge, to take arest and emprison, & them so taken and arested, to kepe in prison vnto such time as the keepers and mainteiners of the said plaies & games, haue founde suerties to the kinges vse, to be bound by recognisaunce or otherwise no leger to vse kepe or occupie any suche house plaie game aley or place: and also that persons there so founde be in like case bounden by them selues, or els with suerties, by the discreasion of the Justices, mayres, shyriffes, bailiffes, or other head officers, no more to playe haunt or exercise from thencefoorth, in at or to any of the sayd places, or at any of the sayde games.

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¶ Also be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that the maires shiriffes bailiffes constables & other head officers, within euery citie borough and towne, within this realme, where any such officers shall fortune to be, as well within the franchises as without, shall make due serche weekely or at the furthest at all times hereafter once euery moneth, in al places where anye suche houses aleis plaies or places shall be suspected to be hadde kepte and maintained. And if the sayde maires shiriffes bayliffes constables and other head officers within their cities boroughes & townes, as well within franchises as without, doe not make due serche at the furtheste once euery moneth if the case so require, according to the tenour of this act, and do not execute the same in all thinges accordinge to the purporte and forme of the same: that then euerye suche mayre shiriffe bailiffe constable or other head officer, to paie and forfaite for euery moneth, not makinge suche serche, nor executinge the same xl.s.

¶ Be it also enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that no maner of artificer or craftes man of any handy craft or occupacion, husbandman, apprentice labourer seruaunt at husbandry, iourney man or seruaunt of artificer, mariners fishermen watermen or any seruing man, shall from the said feast of the Natiuitie of sainct John Baptiste, play at the tables tenys dice cardes boules clashe coytyng logating, or any other vnlawfull game, out of Christ mas, vnder peine of .xx.s. to be forfeite for euerye tyme, and in Christmas to play at any of the saide games in their maisters houses, or in their maysters presence. And also that no maner of person shall at any time playe at any boule or boules in open places out of his gardeyne or orchard, vnder the peyne for euery tyme so offendynge to forfeyt .vi.s.viii.d. And that all Justices of peace mayres, bayliffes shyriffes and all other head officers, and euery of them, fyndyng or knowing any maner of person or persons, vsing or exercisinge anye vnlefull games contrary to this presente estatute, shall haue full power and auctoritie to commit euery such offendour to warde, there to remayne without bayle or mainprise, vntill such tyme that they so offendinge, be bounden by obligacion to the kinges vse, in such summes of money, as by the discreation of the saide iustices mayres bayliffes or other head officers, shall be thought reasonable, that they or any of them shall not from henceforth, vse such vnlawfull games.

¶ Be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that all other statutes made for the restraint of vnlawfull games, or for the maintenance of artillery as touching the penalties or forfaytures of the same, shalbe from henceforthe vtterly voyde. And for all informacions plaintes actions or suytes that shalbe taken or sued vpon any parte of this estatute, shalbe commenced within the yere after the offence committed & done or otherwise no aduantage or suite therof to be taken. And where any suche forfaitures shall happen to be founde within the precints of any franchise lete or lawday, then the lorde of the same franchyse lete or lawedaye, to haue the one moytye therof, and the other moitie therof to any of the kinges subiectes that will

sue for the same, in any of the kinges courtes, by action informacion byll or otherwise, in whiche action or suite the defendante shall not be admitted to wage his lawe, nor any protection nor essoine shall be allowed: And where suche forfaiture shall be founden out of the precincte of anye fraunchise lete or lawdaye, that the moitie of all suche forfaitures shall be to the kynge our soueraigne lorde, and the other moitie therof to anye the kinges subiectes that will sue for the same, by bill plaint, actyon, informacion, or otherwise in any of the kinges courtes, in whyche suite or action the defendante shall not be admitted to wage his lawe, nor any protection or essoin shall be allowed.

¶ And to the intente that every person may haue knowledge of this acte, and auoyde the danger and penalties of the same, be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that all mayres bayliffes shiriffes and all other head officers, shall foure tymes in the yeare, that is to saye, euerye quarter once, make open proclamacion of this present acte in euery market to be holden within theyr seuerall iurisdictions and auctorities. And also that the Justices of gaole deliuery, assyses, and Justices of peace, do cause the same to be proclaymed in theyr seuerall circuites and sessions before them holden, and that this statute shall beginne to take his effecte, concerning the penalties of the same, from the sayd feast of saincte John Baptist nowe nexte cõminge and to continue and endure for euer.

¶ Prouided alway and be it enacted by the auctho̅itie aforesayde, that yf any person or personnes haue taken by lease, whether it be by worde, writynge, or otherwise, anye house alley or place, wherein any suche vnlawfull game nowe is, and at the tyme of such lease made was vsed, that then euery suche lease shall, at the libertie of hym or them, to whome suche lease is made, theyr executours administratours or assignes, from the sayde feaste of the natiuitie of saincte John Baptist, be vtterly voyde, excepte it bee for breache of conenauntes or agreementes, or payemente of rente due or to be due at the sayde feast, or any tyme before, so that then at the same feaste or within one monethnext after the same, the saide le se geue knowledge to suche lessour or lessours, theyr heyres or assignes that he will no lengar occupie the same, and that then it shall be lawfull to the inheritour lessour or owner therof, or to his heyres or assignes, in the same house alley or place to reenter.

¶ Prouyded also and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that it shall be lawfull for euery maister to licence his or their seruauntes, to playe at cardes dice or tables with their saide maister, or with anye other gentleman, repayringe to their sayde maister, openly in his or their house, or in hys or their presence, according to hys or theyr discreation. And that it shalbe lefull to euery such seruant, for euery tyme so being commanded or licenced by his sayde maister, as is aforesaide, to play at cardes dice or tables with his said maister or other gentleman, so to him repayringe, any thing in this acte to the contrary not withstandinge.

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¶ Prouided also and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that it shall be lawfull to euery noble man and other hauinge mannours, landes, tenementes or other yearely profites, for terme of lyfe in his owne righte, or in his wifes right, to the yerely value of a hundred poundes or above, to commaunde, appoint or licēce by his or their discretion, his or their seruauntes or familie of his or their house or houses, for to play within the precincte of his or their houses, gardeines, or orchardes, at cardes, dice, tables, bowles or tenys, as well amonges thē selues as other repayring to the same house or houses. And that they so playnge by commaundement, appointmente or licence, as is aforesayd, shall not incurre any daunger or penaltie conteyned in this acte for the same, this acte or any thinge therin conteined to the contrary therof in any wise not withstandinge.

¶ Prouided alwaye and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that all informacions, actions & suites, now dependinge in any of the kinges courtes, for or concerning any penaltie or forfayture conteined in any of the said statutes, by this act repealed, and no iudgement therin yet giuen, the same informacions, actions, and suites shalbe, remaine, and stande as good and effectuall in the lawe, to all intentes, constructions and purposes, as if thys acte had neuer be had ne made, any thing in this acte conteyned to the contrary therof in any wise not withstandinge.

## ¶ An acte concerning the execucion of certaine statutes. Cap. x.

FOr as muche as before thys tyme diuers and sundrye good lawes, statutes, prouisions and ordinances haue bene made by the kynges maiestye our naturall soueraygne lorde and other his moste noble progenitours for the increase and aduauncement of the publyke and common wealth of this realme of Englande, and of his highnes subiectes of the same, amongest which some speciall notable, and profitable lawes, statutes, ordinaunces and prouisions be verye requisite, conuenient, and expedient for the same common welth duely and diligently to be put in daily exercise and execution: And such as haue bene and be auctorised to put in due and iuste execucion suche speciall and notable lawes, statutes, and ordynaunces, and to correcte and punishe the infringers and contemners therof, in suche wise as is limitted by the same, hath bene very remisse and negligent in doynge their offyces, to the greate detrimente hurte and preiudice of the common welth. For reformacion wherof be it enacted by the kinge our soueraygne lord, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that all and singuler the iustices of peace within any shyre citie, borroughe or place within this realme of Englande, Wales, or anye other the kinges dominions, shall yerely at the generall sessions of the peace to be holden next after

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the feast of Easter, assemble them selues together, that is to say euery number of them within the limittes of theyr cõmissions, wherin ther be named Justices of peace, and at and vpon such theyr assemble, shall dilygently together amongest them selfes peruse, examine, studie & knowe the effectes and true ententes of the lawes, statutes, ordinances, & prouisions hereafter specified, that is to say, the lawes and statutes hertofore made and prouided concerninge or in anye wise touchinge vacaboundes, reteinours, gyuinge liueryes, signes, tokens, or badges, maintenance, imbracery, bowstaues, and archery, vnlawfull games, forstallers, and regratours, vittayl, bytalers and inholders and euery of them and of all statutes & lawes made in thys present parliament, touching the same or any of them, and after the perusinge and deliberate vnderstandinge of the saide lawes, statutes and ordinaunces, they shall deuise amongest them selfes, howe the same maye be beste put in due and iuste execucion: and for the better procedinge therin they shall deuyde and seuer them selfes, limittynge and assigninge alwayes the number of two of them at the least or more, into hundredes wapētakes rapes, commotis or number of townes and villages by theyr discreations. And that the sayd Justices so deuided, or two of them at the least, shall in euery quarter of the yere from & after the sayd feast of Easter next coming holde and kepe within the limittes of their diuision, one sessions beside the generall quarter sessions for the peace, the sayd one sessions to be kepte and holden alwaies within the limittes of their diuision, at and in one such day as by them shalbe appoynted, so that it be alwaies sixe wekes at the leaste before the quarter sessions. And that all processe and procedinges in euerye of the said session so to be holden shalbe continued from sessions to sessions. And that the said Justices, or two of them at the least at and in euery such sessions, shall haue power and auctoritie to enquire, as well by the othes of xii. men, inhabitantes wythin the limittes of their deuision, as by any informacion geuen to them by anye person or persones of all defaultes offences and contemptes done or cõmitted or hereafter to be done or cõmitted against the forme of any of the statutes aforesaid, & to here and determine the same and shall also haue power and auctoritie, vpon any presentment or informacion touching the premisses or any of them, to make processe by venire facias, one Capias, and an exigent vnder the seales of the same Justices or twoo of them, against euery suche person and persons against whome any suche informacion or presentment shalbe had for their apparaunce afore them in theyr sessions to be holden as is aforesayd, to answer to suche informacion or presentment as shalbe there had or made. And if the person or persons accused by informacion or presentment, shall be conuicte vpon any suche informacio or presentment, by confession or verdit of xii men, that then ỹ sayd Justices of peace, or two of them, afore whome suche conuiction shalbe had shall haue power & auctoritie to geue iudgment against euerye suche offender and offenders so conuict, of such paynes by imprisonment, or such peynes losses and forfaytures of money or both, or any of them, as are limytted

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in the sayd seueral statutes for suche offentes wherof they shalbe so conuict, and cause execution therof to be made and had accordyngly. And also the sayd Justices of peace, or two of them, at a in theyr saide sessions to be holden as is aforesaide, shall haue power and auctorite to correcte a reforme the panels of iuries for any inquiries to be made afore them touchinge the sayd statutes or any of them, in like maner and fourme as Justices of Gaole deliuery and of peace may do in theyr sessions, by vertue of a statute therof made in the thyrd yere of our most dread soueraigne lord the kinges reigne that now is: and that the shiriffes and other ministers hauing power to returne panelles, shall make hys or theyr returnes, accordynge to suche reformacion and correction of the Justices aforesaide, vpon the peyne limytted by the same statute.

¶ And it is ordeined and enacted by auethoritie aforesaide, that if any person or persons, be conuicte as is aforesayde, by any informacion afore the sayd iustyces or two of them, within the limittes of theyr diuision: that the the moitie of the peynes losses and forfaitures of money of the offendours so conuicte, shalbe to the kinges maiesties vse, and the other moitie therof to the partie that pursueth such informacion, according to the tenours and effecte of the sayd seuerall statutes. And if any conuiction be had by reason or vpon any presentment, that than the kynges maiestie shall haue the hole peines, fynes, and forfaitures of the offendours, al which peines, fines, losses and forfaytures of money to be due to the kinge, by reason of any conuiction as is aforesayd, together with all issues, fines and amerciamentes afore the sayd Justices within the limittes of their diuision, shall be leuied by the shiriffe or his ministers, by a scedule indented to be made betweene suche Justices or two of them, afore whom suche peynes losses and forfaytures, fines, issues, and amerciamentes shalbe lost and forfaite, and the sayd shiriffes, the one partie of which scedule shalbe certified by the sayde Justices or two of them yerely in the terme of saynct Michaell, into the kynges escheker, to the intent that the shyriffe shall there aunswere the same to the kynges vse.

¶ Prouided alwaies and be it enacted by auctorite aforesayd, that euery of the said iustices of peace shall haue for holding of euery of theyr said sessions, as is aforesaide iiii. s. for their costes: and the clerke of the sessions by them to be appointed, for the makinge and wrytinge of the processe and extractes of the sessions, for euery sessions .ii.s. to be payde by the handes of y shiriffe, of the kinges parte and porcion of the paynes losses and forfaitures and of the issues fynes and amerciamentes aforesayde.

¶ Prouided alwayes that Justices of peace in cities boroughes and townes corporate, not beinge shires or counties of themselues, shall assemble once in the yere wyth the iustices of peace of the shyre, where such cities boroughes or townes corporate be, and shall be limitted to execute this acte within the citie borough or towne corporate, where they shalbe iustices of peace, and not els where.

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¶ Prouided also, that no informacion of presentment shalbe had or taken by the saide Justices of peace, so deuided by auctoritie of this acte but for such offences defaultes or contemptes as ben or shall be done within the limyttes of theyr diuysyon.

¶ And be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that ỳ saide Justices of peace so deuided, or two of them within the lymittes of their diuisiõ shal haue full power and auctoritie, to examine inquire here and determyne by informacion and trial, as is aforesaide, al defaultes and contemptes, which after the feast of the natiuitie of our lord nert coming, shalbe done or committed by any seruantes commonly called yongmen or groomes, husbandmen labourers and artificers or any of them, agaynst the tenour fourme & effect of the statutes and lawes made for excessiue apparell, and to correcte and punish the offenders therin, beyng therof conuicte afore them, as is aforesaide, according to suche peines, forfaitures and punishmentes as is ymitted by the sayde lawes and statutes of apparell, to be leuied paide & certified as is aforesayd.

¶ And it is further enacted by the auctoritie abouesayde, that as well the Justyces of assise, as the Justyces of Chester, and the kinges Justyces of Northwales and Southwales, in all & singuler theyr circuites, shall haue ful auctoritie and power by the force of thys present act, to enquire as well by informacion as by presentment before them, of the defaultes contemptes omissions negligences, fauours, affections, corrupciõs and other thynges what so euer they shalbe, of al and synguler the said iustices of peace which shall not diligently truly and duly se put and cause the sayd good lawes statutes ordynances and prouisions to be put in vre, exercise and perfect execucion according to the effectes, as well of the sayde statutes hertofore made as of this present act, & to here examine and determin the same, as is aforesayd, and to assesse such fines vpon the said iustices of peace and vpon euery of them, being conuicte of any defaultes negligences and offences, as is aforesaid, as to their discrecion shalbe thought expedient for the qualitie and quantitie of their offences.

¶ And be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that al shiriffes, baylifes, constables, hedborowes, and all & singuler other officers & ministers, what so euer as well within libertie as without, shall be attendant aydynge and assistyng to al and singuler the sayd Justyces of peace, in and for the due execucion of thys acte, vpon peyne to make such fines as the sayde Justyces of peace or twoo of them, shall be assessed to the kynges vse by theyr discrecions.

¶ Prouided alwayes that this statute shal not binde any iustice of peace or of Quorum to assemble or execute any thing in thys acte, or in any other shyre citie borough or place, then in such shyre citie borough or place, where he shall be resident and dwellyng at the time when suche assemble shall be made by vertue of this acte.

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or Quorum, be or shalbe of the kinges priuie counsaile, attendant vpon his roiall person, or any principall officer of his highnes house, attendant vpon his office, and other whiche shall happen to be occupied in his highnes seruice, by hys maiesties commaundement, shall not be compelled to assemble with the iustices of peace or Quorum, in any shyre, citie, or boroughe, or otherwise bounden to doe or exercise by auctoritie of this acte, that they be bounde to doe afore the making of this acte: any thing or thinges conteined in this acte to the contrary not withstaning. d

¶ Prouided also that the Justices of either benche, barons of the kynges eschequer, the kinges atturney and solicitour, and all other iustices, officers and ministers being bounde attende at the termes, shall not during their suche attendaunce, be compelled to holde or kepe any sessions in the limites deuided to them, vpon the assemblies of the iustices of peace, as is aforesaide.

¶ And to the intent that the saide iustices, barons, and all other officers & ministers aforesaide, may the better be once in the yeare at euery assemble aforesaide. It is therfore ordeined by auctoritie of this act, that the quarter sessions, holden after Easter, shalbe yerely kepte vppon the tewesday nexte after Lowsondaye in euerye shire of this realme, Wales, and other the kinges dominions.

¶ Prouided alway that this acte or any thinge therin conteined shall not in anye wyse extende to the countie Palantine of Heram, within the countie of Northumberlande ne to the countie Palantine of Ely, wythin the countie of Cambrydge, nor to any towne corporate or libertie wythin eyther of the saide countyes Palantines, hauinge iustices of peace for or concerning the extracting returning, certifieng or leuieng of any issues, fynes, forfaytures, amerciamentes, or penalties to be assessed or tared vppon any person or persons, in any session to be holden wythin the sayd countie Palantines or either of them, or wythin any towne corporate, situate, and beyng wythin eyther of the sayd county Palantines, but that the same issues, fynes, forfaytures, amerciamentes, and penaltyes and euery of them, may be assessed, tared, extracted, returned, certified and leuied from time to time hereafter in such maner and fourme to all intentes and purposes, as they and euery of them haue bene vsed to be assessed, tared, extracted, returned, certified and leuied at any tyme before the making of thys act: or should be assessed, tared, extracted, returned, certified and leuyed, yf thys said acte had neuer ben had or made, this acte, or any thinge therin conteyned to the contrary not wythstandynge.

¶ Prouided alway, and be it enacted by the auchtoritie aforesaide, that iustices of the peace within any shyre of this realme of England and Wales, shall not be compelled by vertue of this acte to assemble them selues for the execution of this acte for this present yeare, before the nexte generall assyses to be holden within euery suche countie, before the feast of sainct Michaell the archaungell nexte comminge, but that they and euery of them shall be

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compelled vpon like paine, mencioned in this acte, to assemble them selues at the said general assises for the execucion of the same, for this present yere onley, accordinge to the purporte tenour and true meaningof this acte, any thing in this acte to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ Prouided alway, that this acte or any thinge therin conteined, shall not in any wise extende or be preiudiciall or hurtefull to the countye Palantine, and Duchy of Lancaster, or any townes corporate within the same cõtie Palantine and duchie, hauinge iustices of the peace, for or concerninge the extractinge, retournинge, certefieng, or leuienge of any issues, fines, forfaitures amerciamentes or penalties, to be tared or assessed vpon any persone or persons, in any sessions to be holden within the saide countie Palantine and duchie of Lancaster, or townes corporate parcel of the same duchie by vertue of this acte, but that the same issues fines forfaitures amerciamentes and penalties shall and may be extracted returned, certified, and leuied from time to time in suche maner and forme, to all intentes and purposes as they haue vsed to be extracted returned, certified, and leuied at any time before the making of this acte, this acte or any thinge therin conteined to ꝑ contrarie not withstanding.

¶ Prouided alway, and be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that all issues fines, amerciamentes, and forfaitures risinge and growinge by vertue of this present acte, within anye of the seuerall liberties, franchises or temporall iurisdictions, whiche bene seuerally appointed and assigned to the suruey order and gouernaunce of the king our soueraygne lordes seuerall courtes of the augmentacions of the reuenues of his crowne, and of the generall surueyours of the kinges landes, shalbe claimed and allowed and also collected and leuied by the kinges bailiffes or other officers of the same liberties, franchises, and iurisdictions for the time beinge, and shall be seuerally answered to the kinge in the same seuerall courtes after and accordinge to such sort and order as other issues, fines, amerciamẽtes & forfaytures within the same seuerall liberties, franchises and iurisdictions at thys present time bene or ought to be claymed allowed and answered, any thing in this present acte to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ Prouided alway and be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that the iustices of peace in euery of the shires in Southwales and Northwales, and countie Palantine of Chester, accordinge to their limittacion, shall and may certify all the streitts by them to be made in maner & fourme as is aforesaide, to and afore such chamberlaine or chamberlaines, chauncellour or chauncellours, auditour or auditours, in such place or places, as by the kinges maiestie is or hereafter shal be appoynted or assigned for herинg and determining of the shiriffes accõptes, in euery of the saide shyres in Wales, or countie Palantine aforesaid, any thing in this acte mencioned to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ Prouided alwaye that this acte or any thinge therin conteined, shall not in any wise extende to the county Palantine and county of Durham, or to

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any town corporat wͭ in ẏ same coũty Palãtine or coũty of Durhã, hauing iustices of peace, for and concerning the extractyng retourninge certifienge or leuiynge of any issues fynes forfaitures amerciamentes or penalties to be assessed or taxed vpon any persone or persones, in any sessions to be holden within the said countie Palantine or countie of Durham, or within any town corporate, situate & being within either the said county Palantine or coũty of Durham, but ẏ the same issues fynes forfaitures amerciaments or penalties and euery of them, may be assessed taxed extracted retourned certified & leuied from time to time hereafter, in suche maner & fourme to all intentes and purposes, as they and euery of them haue bene vsed to be assessed taxed extracted retourned certified and leuied, at any tyme before the making of this act, or shuld be assessed taxed extracted retourned certified & leuied, if this said act had neuer ben had or made: this act or any thing therin conteined to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ Prouided alwaies and be it enacted, that this acte or any thynge therein conteyned, shall not extende to the Barones and inhabitauntes of or within the syncke portes or their mẽbers, or to any of them, to compel or cõstraine them or any of them to assemble them selues with any the Justices of the peace: out of the saide portes or mẽbres and the liberties of the same, of for or concerninge the estretinge of fines issues forfaitures and amerciamentes, to be set lost or assessed by vertue of this acte within the liberties aforesaidt: but that they and euery of them shall and may assemble them selfes togethers at suche place and places, within theyr liberties, for the executynge of this acte, as to them shalbe thought most cõuenient, and to deuide them selues after suche facion as they shall thinke beste and moste requisite for the executing of this estatute in this acte mencioned: And may and shall take such fynes yssues forfaitures and amerciamentes, and euery of them, as shalbe sette loste and assessed by vertue of this acte, in suche maner and fourme, and to suche vses purposes and intentes, as they or anye of them lawfullye shoulde myghte or oughte to haue hadde before the makynge of this acte, this acte or anye thinge therein conteyned to the contrarye not withstandinge.

¶ Prouided alwaye, that this acte or any thinge therein conteyned, be not at any time hereafter in anye wise preiudiciall or hurtfull to anye personne or persones, bodies politicke or corporate, to their heires or successours, or to the heyres or successours of any of them, for or concerninge anye theyr laufull ryghtes titles interestes or claymes, of in or to any maner of issues fynes amerciamentes penalties or other forfaitures, in any wise to be assessed loste or forfayted, before any iustyce of peace at theyr sessions hereafter to be holden or kepte in any shyre, citie, boroughe, or towne corporate with in thys realme of England, by vertue or aucthoritie of this acte, but that euerye suche personne or personnes, bodyes politicke and corporate, theyr heyres and successours, and the heyres and successours of euery of them. and theyr lawfull deputies in suche be halfe, shall and maye at all times here-

after assesse, tare, extracte, retourne, leuie, clayme, haue and enioye all maner such issues, fynes, amerciamentes forfaitures and other penalties and euery of them, to all suche vses and purposes, and in like maner and fourme in euery behalfe, as they or any of them haue lawfully vsed to doe and haue or mighte haue done and hadde, at anye tyme before the makynge of thys present acte, by vertue of any graunte to theim or anye of them heretofore made, graunted, or otherwyse by vertue of anye custome or lawfull vsage therof heretofore vsed in euery behalfe, this acte or any thinge therein conteined to the contrary not withstandinge.

¶ This acte to continue to the latter ende of the nert parliament.

## An acte for bouchers to sell at their libertie by weighte or otherwise. Cap. xi.

IN moste humble wyse shewen vnto your highnes the wardeines maysters and felowshippe of bouchers of your cytye of London, and all other the bouchers within thys your realme of England, that where in your parliament holden at westminster by prorogacion the .xxiiii. yere of your most noble reigne, it was enacted ordeined and established by your maiestie, the lordes spirituall and temporalll, and the commons in the said parliament then assembled, and by auctoritie of the same parliament, that euery person which should sel by him sefe or any other the carcaises of biefes porke mutton or veale, or any parte or parcell therof, after the fyrste daye of Auguste then nerte ensuynge, should sell the same by lefull weyghte called haberdepoys, and none otherwise, the saide flesshe to be cut out in reasonable pieces, accordinge to the requeste of the byer, in lyke facion as afore that time was vsed without fraude or coupne, and that euery person whiche by him selfe or anye other, shoulde sell any flesshe of the sayde carcaises, should haue with him where he shoulde make sale of the saide flesshe, sufficient beame scales and weightes, sealed called haberdepois, for true seruynge of the byers. And that after the sayd first daye of Auguste no persone nor persons take or cause to be taken for any pounde weight of flesshe of the carcaises of biefe or porke, by him or them to be solde, aboue the price of one halfpeny, nor for any pounde weighte of flesshe of the carcales of mutto or veale, aboue the price of one halfpeny and halfe ferthing, wythout deceipte or couin, vpon peine to forfayte for euery pounde not solde by weyghte, or aboue the sayde price limitted, and for euerye defaulte done contrary to the true meaninge of the sayde acte .iii.s. iiii. The one moitie thereof to be to your highnes, and the other moitie to the partie that will sue for the same by bill plainte or informacion, in whiche suite none essoyne wager of lawe, nor protection should be allowed. The heades neckes inwardes portenances legges nor feete to be accompted as parte of the carcales aforesaid, but suche to be solde by a lower price, as by the saide acte among other thinges

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more plainely appereth, which act was in all thinges by your said oratours well duely iustly and truely executed according to the tenour and purporte of the same, vntill your graces parliamēt holde at westminster, by prorogacion the .xxvii. yeare of your most noble reigne, at whiche tyme it was then and there, for and vpon diuers good causes and cōsiderations, enacted ordeined and established, that from the .xii. day of Aprill, the yere of our lorde god. M. D. xxvi. vntil the .xviii. day of Aprill, whyche shoulde be and was in the yere of our lorde god. M. D. xl all bouchers, and other sellynge flesshe by retaile, may lefully kill and sell all maner bieste porke mutton and beale, beynge good and holsome for mannes bodye, at their pleasures and liberties, as freely and liberally as they or any of them dyd or might haue done at any time before the saide estatute, made the xviii. yere of your moste noble reigne, and also before an other statute concerninge the same, made the xxv. yeare of your moste noble reigne, without any losses peine or imprisonment forfaiture or penaltie to be by thē or any of them, or the successours of thē or any of them, had lost borne or susteined in that behalf during the time before rehersed, the same estatutes or any of them to contrary in anye wise not withstandinge. And that the same estatutes and eyther of them and euery clause sentence and article in them or either of thē conteined, should be in suspecte and not put in execucion, durynge the same terme, as by the sayd acte made the sayd, xxvii yere of your most noble reigne among other thinges more plainely appereth: whyche actes before rehersed, concernynge the selling of flesshe by weyght, as is aforesaid, if they should hereafter be put in execucion, and your said oratours compelled to sell flesshe by weyght, according to the purporte tenour and effecte of the sayde estatute, made the xviii. yere of your most noble reigne, should be to the vtter vndoing of your sayd oratours for euer. It may therfore please your maiestie, that it may be by your highnes, and by the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, ordeined established and enacted, that the sayde statutes, made in the .xviii. and .xxv. yere of your most noble reigne, may be repelled adnichilated, made frustrate and voyde agaynste your oratours, and all other your subiectes. And that it may from henceforth be lefull vnto all your sayde subiectes to sell their vittailes from time to time by them selues their wyues and seruauntes, to all maner of persones that wyll bye the same, in like maner and fourme as they might haue don before the makynge of the saide estatutes or any of them, without any danger peine penaltie or forfayture to be had for the same, any thinge in the saide estatutes or any of them conteined to the contrary not withstandinge.

## ¶ An acte for murder and malicious bloudshed within the courte. Cap. xii.

WHeare treasons mysprysions of treasons, murders, manslaughters & other malicious strikinges, by reason wherof bloud is or shalbe shedde against the kinges peace, bene often and many tymes done & cõmitted within the limittes of the kinges Pallace or house, or other house or houses, where & whan his maiestie is ther demurrant and abiding, in his owne most roiall persone, whiche offences when they be done, be best knowen by hys hyghnes officers and ministers of his moste honourable householde, and by his maiesties seruaunts of the Chequer roll: And if his maiestie shall happen to remoue from suche his Pallace or house, or other house or houses, where such offences were done, before the triall and determinacion therof, than suche offences mought not lawfully be tried herde and determined by and before the said officers, but be remitted to be tryed and determined by the order of the common lawes of this realme, by reasõ wherof the punishmẽt of the said offendours in suche cases, hath bene long delayed, and somtime their offences forgotten and not remembred, and so escape vnpunished, Be it therfore enacted by the kinge our soueraigne lord, with thassent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the aucthoritie of the same, that al treasons, misprision of treasons, murthers, manslaughters, bloudsheds and other malicious strikinges, by reason wherof bloud is or shalbe shed, against the kinges peace, which hath ben done since the feast of all sainctes last past, or hereafter shall be don within any the Pallaces or houses of his highnes or his heires, or anye other house or houses, at suche tyme as hys maiestie hath bene, sins the said feast of all sainctes, or hereafter shall happen to be than demurrant or abiding in his royall person, shalbe from hẽceforth enquired of tried heard & determined within anye the kinges pallaces or houses, other house or houses, where his maiestie or his heyres shall hereafter repayre vnto, or be abidinge, in maner and fourme folowynge: That is to say, before the lorde great maister, or lorde stewarde for the time beyng of the kinges most honourable houshold, & of his heires and successours: And in the absence of the said lorde great mayster, or lorde stewarde of houshold, before the treasourer and cõptroller for the time being of the kinges most honorable householde, and of his heyres and successours, and stewarde of the Marchalsey for the time being or two of thẽ, whereof the stewarde of the Marchalsey for the time being to be one, by vertue of theyr offices, without any commissiõ or other auctoritie or power, other then by the auctoritie of this present act to be geuen vnto them or any of them, which stewarde of the Marchalsey shall be for euer from time to time assigned and appointed by wryting vnder the seale of the sayd lorde great Maister or lorde Stewarde for the time beinge. And whether the kinges maiestie or his heyres

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hath, or at any time hereafter shall be remoued from the Pallace, house or houses, where suche offences were or shall be done, or not remoued before they be inquired of tried harde and determined: yet suche offences shall by the auctoritie of this acte, alwayes from henceforthe be enquired of tryed harde and determied before the kinges maiesties and his heyres officers & ministers of householde before named, or two of them, as is aboue saide, by the inquisicion and verdicte of his highnes and his heires houshold seruantes, in his and their Chequer rolle, in maner and fourme as before and here after is expressed in this present acte, and at suche pallace house and houses where his maiestie or his heires shall be at anye time hereafter demurrant or abiding. And that all such returnes of proces, and all execucions & iudgementes concerninge the premises, shall be hadde and done by the offycers, before and hereafter expressed, and in maner and fourme as before & hereafter in this present acte is conteyned. And that all inquisicions vppon the vieu of persons slaine, or hereafter to be slaine within any the kinges sayde pallaces or houses, or other house or houses aforesaide, shall be by auctority of this act had and taken hereafter for euer, by the coroner for the time beyng of the householde of our soueraigne lorde the kinge or his heires, with out any adioyning or assisting of an other coroner of any shire within thys realme, by the othe of twelue or mo of the yomen officers of the kinges & his heires most honorable housholde, returned by the two clarkes Comptrollers, the clarkes of the cheque, & the clarkes marshalles, or one of them for the time beinge of the saide housholde, to whom the saide coroner of the same housholde, shall directe his precepte, whiche coroner of our sayd soueraigne lorde the kinges housholde, shall be from time to time named appoynted and assigned by the sayd lord great maister or lord Stewarde for the time beinge, and that the sayd coroner of the saide housholde shall from time to time for euer without delay, certifie vnder his seale and the seales of suche persones as shall be so sworne before him, all suche inquisicions inditementes and offices vpon the viewe of all dead bodies beinge slayne at any time sithe the feaste of all sainctes aforesayde, or whiche hereafter shall be slaine within any the kinges sayde Pallaces or houses or other house or houses aforesayd, before the sayd lord great maister or lorde stewarde, and in his absence before the treasorer comptroller & stewarde of the Marshalsey aforesaid, or before two of thē. wherof the said steward of the marshalsey to be one: and that suche inquisicions and offices so certified, shall be demed adiudged and taken for euer as good and effectuall in the law, to al intētes construction & purposes, as any inquisicion taken vpon the viewe of the bodie of any person being dead, by any coroner of any county of thys realme, hath ben or shall be aduged or taken.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that the said two clarkes comptrollers, clarkes of the Cheque, and clarkes marshalles for the time beinge of the kinges sayde householde, and of his heires, or one of them for euer, vpō a precept to them or to any of them hereafter to be made

by the sayd lord great maister or lorde stewarde, or in the absence of the said lord great maister or lorde steward, by the said Treasourer and Comptroller of the kinges most honourable householde, and the said stewarde of the Marshalsey, or by two of them, wherof the saide stewarde of the Marshalsey, to be one, shall haue full power to summon warne and retourne the names of.xxiiii. persons, beinge yomen officers of the kinges saide householde, and of his heires and the said Chequer roll, to enquire of such treasons misprisions of treasons murders manslaughters and other malicious strikinges, by reason whereof bloud is or shall be shed againste the kinges peace, before the sayd lorde great mayster or lorde steward, and in his absence before the sayd Treasorer Comptroller and steward of the Marshalsey, or before two of them at the least wherof the steward to be one. And that it shal be lawfull to the saide lorde great maister or lorde steward, and in his absence to the saide treasourer comptroller and the sayde stewarde aforesayde, or two of them, wherof the sayd steward to be one, before whom suche returnes shall be so made, as is aforesaide, to cause suche numbre of the sayde xxiiii. persons so retourned vppon the number of .xii. persons, as to him or them shall seme expediente, to enquire of suche treasons misprisions of treasons, murders, manslaughters, and other malicious strikinges, by reason wherof bloude is or shall be shed againste the kinges peace within the sayd Pallaces or houses, or other the said house or houses, sithe the sayd feaste of all Sainctes, or at anye time hereafter shall be committed or done wythin the said Pallaces or house, or other the said house or houses. And if any person or persons be indicted by the sayd iury, so sworne before thē as is aforesaide, or by inquisicion before the sayde coroner of the sayde householde, and certified before the sayde lorde great maister or lorde stewarde, or in the absence of the sayd lorde great maister or lorde stewarde, before the saide treasourer comptroller and steward, or before two of them, wherof the said stewarde to be one, as is aforesaid: that then immediately without delaye the saide lord great maister or lorde stewarde, and in his absence the sayd treasourer comptroller and stewarde, or two of them, wherof the sayd steward to be one, before whom the said presentment inquisicion or inditement shall so be so founde or certified by the said coroner of the same housholde, shal arrayne before them all and euery such person and persons so indicted, accordyng to the course of the common lawe of this realme, and forth with after issue ioyned betwene the kinge our soueraigne lord, his heires or successors and the prisoner so arraigned, the same day and place or any other day and place, at the pleasure of the saide lorde greate maister lorde stewarde, and in his absence at the pleasure of the sayde treasorer comptroller & stewarde of the marshalsey, or two of them, as is aforesayd, shall make an other precept to the sayd clarkes comptrolles, clarkes of the cheke and clarkes marshalles for the time being of the sayde housholde, or to one of them, to summon and returne one other iury of.xxiiii, persons, to appere before the sayde lorde great maister or lord steward, and in his absence before the sayd treasourer

ſourer, Comptroller and ſteward of the Marſhalſey, or before two of them wherof the ſame ſteward to be one, at ſuche daie time and place, and vpon ſuche paine as ſhall be then limitted and appoynted, of the ſeruauntes and gentlemen officers of the kinges chamber, his heyres and ſucceſſours and of the ſayd houſhold, which now take or hereafter ſhall take wages by the kinges ehequer roll. And that the ſaide lorde graunde maiſter or lorde Steward (if he be there preſent) or in his abſence the ſaid treaſorer, comptroller and Steward of the ſayd Marſhalſey, or two of them, wherof ỳ ſame Steward to be one, before whome ſuch iury ſhalbe ſo returned, ſhall cauſe xii. of the ſame iurie to be ſworne without any maner of chaleng to be had or allowed for any maner of cauſe, to any of the ſaid iurie (malice onely excepted) truely to be tried betwene our ſaid ſoueraigne lord the king and his heires, and ſuch perſon and perſons, as ſhall be ſo indicted and arraygned of ſuch treaſons miſpriſions of treaſons, murders, manſlaughters, & other malicious ſtrikinges, by reaſon wherof bloud is or ſhalbe ſhed agaynſt the kinges peace, or of any of them. And if any ſuche perſon or perſones, ſo indicted and arraigned, be founde giltie of any treaſon, miſpriſion of treaſon murders or manſlaughters: that than all and euery ſuche perſon and perſons, ſo founde giltie, ſhall haue iudgment of life and member, and ſuffre ſuch paines of death, and ſhall forfayt all their manours, landes, tenementes, goodes, and cattelles, in like maner and forme as if the ſame perſon and perſons had bene founde giltie of any the ſayde offences by the order of the common lawes of this realme, without allowing to any ſuch perſon or perſons ſo found giltie of any of ỳ ſame offences, the benefit of his or theyr clergie, or priuilege of any ſanctuary. And if any perſō or perſons ſo arraigned be founde giltie for malicious ſtrikynge, by reaſon whereof bloude is hath ben or ſhall be ſhedde againſt the kinges peace, within the ſayde pallace or houſe, or any other houſe, or any other the ſayde houſe or houſes: that than euerye ſuche perſon or perſons ſhall from hencefoꝛth haue iudgment by the ſayd lord great mayſter or lorde ſteward (if he be preſent) and in his abſence by the other before named, before whom ſuche perſon or perſons ſhalbe ſo found giltie to haue his right hand ſtriken of, before the ſayde lorde greate maiſter or lorde ſteward (if he be there preſente) and in his abſence before the ſayd treſorer, comptroller & ſteward of the marſhalſey, or two of thē at the leaſt wherof the ſaid ſteward to be one, and at ſuch place and time as he or they, before whome ſuche perſon or perſons ſhalbe ſo founde giltye, ſhall appoint execution to be done, and the ſame execution to be done by ſuch perſon as the ſaide lorde great maiſter or lord ſteward (if he be there preſent) & in his abſence as the ſaide treaſourer, comptroller, & ſtewarde of the marſhalſey, or two of them, wherof the ſteward to be one, ſhal name or appoint and alſo ſhall haue iudgment to haue parpetuall impriſonmente duryng hys lyfe, and ſhall pay fine and raunſome at the kinges maieſties pleaſure his heires and ſucceſſours.

¶ And for the further declaracion of the ſolemne and dew circumſtaunce

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of the execution apperteininge and of longe time vſed and accuſtomed, to and for ſuch malicious ſtrikinges, by reaſon wherof bloud is hath bene or hereafter ſhall be ſhedde againſte the kinges peace: it is therfore enacted by the auctoritie aforeſaid, that the ſergeant or cheif ſurgion for the time being or his deputie of the kinges houſeholde, his heires and ſucceſſours, ſhall be redie at the place and time of execution, as ſhall be appointed, as is aforeſayd, to ſeare the ſtumpe, whan the hand is ſtricken of: And the ſergeant of the pantrie for the time being of the ſayde houſholde, or his deputie ſhall be alſo than & there redye to giue bread to the partie that ſhall haue his hande ſo ſtricking of: And the ſergeant of the ſellar for the time beyng of the ſame houſeholde, or his deputye, ſhall alſo be than and there redie with a potte of redde wine, to giue the ſame partie drinke, after his hande is ſo ſtricken of and the ſtumpe ſeared: And the ſergeant of the Ewrie for the time being of the ſame houſeholde, or his deputie, ſhall alſo be than and there redye wyth clothes ſufficient for the ſurgeon to occupie about the ſame execution: and the yoman of the chaundrie for the time being of the ſame houſholde, or his deputie, ſhall alſo be than and there, and haue in redineſſe ſeared clothes, ſufficient for the ſurgeon to occupie about the ſame execution: and the maiſter coke for the time being of the ſame houſeholde, or his deputie ſhall alſo be than and there redie, & bring with him a dreſſing knife, and ſhall deliuer the ſame knife at the place of execution, to the ſerieant of the larder for the time being of the ſame houſeholde, or to his deputie, who ſhalbe alſo then & there redie, and holde vpright the ſayd dreſſing knife tyll execution be done, And the ſergeant of the pultry, for ẏ time being of the ſame houſhold or his deputie, ſhalbe alſo than and there redy with a cocke in hys hand redy for the ſurgeon to wrap about the ſame ſtumpe, whan the hand ſhall be ſo ſtriken of. And the yoman of the ſcullary for the time being of the ſame houſeholde or his deputie, to be alſo than and there redye and prepare and make at the place of execution a fyre of coles, and theare to make readie ſearynge yrons, againſt the ſayde ſurgeon or his deputie ſhall occupie the ſame: and the ſergeant or chief ferrour, for the time being of the ſame houſholde or hys deputie, ſhalbe alſo then and there redy, and bringe wyth hym the ſearynge yrons, and deliuer the ſame to the ſame ſergeant or chiefe ſurgeon, or to his deputie whan they be hot: And the grome of the ſalcery for the time beinge of the ſame houſholde or his deputie, ſhalbe alſo than and there ready with vineger and colde water, and giue attendance vpon the ſaid ſurgeon or his deputie, vntill the ſame execution be done: and the ſerieant of ẏ wood yard for the time being of the ſame houſhold, or his deputie, ſhal bring to the ſayd place of execution a blocke with a betill a ſtaple & cordes to binde the ſayde hande vpon the blocke while execution is in doing.

¶ And be it further enacted by thauctoritie aforeſayd, that if any perſon or perſons ſo indicted of treaſon miſpriſion of treaſon murther manſlaughter or other malicious ſtriking, by reaſon wherof bloude is hath ben or ſhall be ſhedde againſt the kinges peace, as is aforeſaide, and therof be arraigned

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and obstinately refuse to answere directly to the same offences, wherof he or they be so indicted, or if such person or persons so indicted and arraigned stande muet, and will not speake, then such person and persons so refusinge to answere or standinge muet, shalbe convicte, iudged, and demed giltie of the thinge, wherof he or they is or shalbe so indicted or arraigned, and shall haue iudgement to haue like paines of death, and other peines punishmentes, executions, forfaitures, losses and seysures of landes, tenementes, goodes and catteles for the same, as he or they ought or shoulde haue had for suche like offences, as if he or they were or should be found giltie thereof by the verdicte of xii. men.

¶ And be it further enacted by thauctoritie aforesaid, that the saide clerkes comptrollers, clarkes of the cheque, and clarkes marshalle, or one of them for the time being, shall from time to time name assigne and appoint a criar to make proclamations, and to call the iuries, and to doe other thinges as becometh a criar of a court to doe, belonging to that office.

¶ Prouided alway and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that thys acte before rehersed, concerninge malicious strikynges, by reason whereof bloud is hath ben or shalbe shed agaynst the kinges peace, ne the peines and forfaitures before rehersed for the punishment of the same, shall not in anye wise extende or be preiudiciall or hurtfull to any noble man, ne to any other person or persons, that shall happen to strike his or their seruauntes wythin the sayd pallaces or house, or any other house or houses aforesaid, or within the limittes of the same, with his or their handes or fistes, or with any small staffe or sticke, for correction and punishment for any offences committed and done, or to be committed and done, ne to anye of the kinges officers or seruauntes, that shall strike anye person within the same Pallace or house or any other house or houses aforesaid, although by reason of the said stroke or strokes there happened to be any bloudshed of such person, as shall so be striken, excepte the person so stricken doe dye of the same stroke, within one yere next after the same stroke geuen.

¶ Prouided also and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that the tryall of peeres of this realme for comitting or doing any offences in this acte before mencioned, shall be as it hath bene vsed in times paste, any thinge in this acte conteined to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ Prouided also that the liberty and iurisdiction of the marchalley courte and circuite of the verge, shalbe in all pointes, priuileges and authorityes vsed by the ministers and officers of the same, in as full and as ample maner as it hath bene heretofore lawfully vsed, for murthers, felonies, offences and all trespasses contractes and other suites what so euer they be, anye thing in this acte to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ And for as muche as before this time one Richard Stauerton of Lincolnes Inne gentleman, was comaunded and appointed by the kinges maiestie to occupie the office of the Coroner of his said house, by force wherof he hath continued officer in the same by the space of xvi. yeres or more: Be it

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enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that the saide Richad Skauerton shal haue occupie and enioy the said office of Coroner during his life, together with all suche profites and commodities as before this time hath bene due and apperteining in any wise to the same. And after his decease the sayde Coroner alwaies to be made assigned and appointed by the said lord great maister or lorde steward for the time beinge.

¶ And for that hereafter it might be doubted, howe farre the limittes and boundes of the saide house or houses shoulde extende or be taken, wythin which limittes or boundes any the sayd offences, which haue ben committed or done sith the said feast of all Sainctes, or hereafter shall be commytted or done, for the whiche all and euery person and persons so offendynge, should haue and suffer the peynes, penalties, and forfaytures, as is aforesaide: for plaine declaracion thereof, and for the auoydinge of all doubtes and questions, which may hereafter happen to arise of for or vpō the same. Be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that the limittes and boundes of the sayd house and houses, within which any the offences aforesayde, now committed or done sith the sayd feast of all Sainctes, or hereafter to be cōmitted or done, shall be punished as is aforesaide, shall extende and be taken within these places ensuinge, and in none other, that is to say: within any edifices, courtes places, gardeins, or orchardes or houses, within the portes warde of any of the house or houses aboue rehersed, or within anye gardeins, priuie walkes, orchiardes, tiltyardes, wodyardes, tenys playes cockefightes, bouling alleis, nere adioyning to any of the houses aboue rehersed, and beinge parte of the same, or within twoo hundred footes of the standarde of anye outwarde gate or gates of anye of the houses aboue rehersed, commonly vsed for passage out or from anye the house or houses aboue rehersed.

¶ Prouided alway that this acte shal not take effect, or be put in execucion till from and after the firste daye of maye nexte ensuinge, excepte onely for murders and manslaughters, for the whiche offences of murder and manslaughter, the same to take effecte from the feast of all sainctes last past, according to the tenour and effect of the said acte.

¶ Prouided alway and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that thys acte before rehersed conterninge malicious strikinges, by reason, whereof bloud is hath bene or shall be shed againste the kinges peace, ne the peines and forfaitures before rehersed for the punishment of the same, shall not in any wise extende or be preiudicial or hurtfull to any noble man, ne to any other personne or persones, that shall happen to strike his or their seruantes within the saide pallaces or house, or any other house or houses place or places aforesaid, or within the limittes of the same, with his or their handes or fistes, or with any small staffe or sticke, for correction & punishment, for any offences cōmitted and done, or to be cōmitted and don, ne to any of the kinges officer or officers, that in executing of his or their office shall strike any person or persons, with his or their hādes or fistes, or with any small staffe

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or sticke, or with any staffe cōmonly called a tip staffe within the same pallace or house or anye other pallaces or houses or places aforesaide ne to any other person or persōs, that in doinge seruice at any triumphe or any other time of seruice by the kinges cōmaundement, or of any hys graces counsel, or other his graces head officers, shall happen for their executinge of theyr said seruice, to strike any persō or persons, with his or their handes or fistes or with anye small staffe or sticke, or with any staffe commonly called a typ staffe, within the same palace or house, or anye other pallaces or houses or place or places aforesaide, although by reason of the same stroke or strokes, there happen to be any bloudshed of suche person as shall be so striken, excepte the person, so striken do die of the same stroke wythin one yeare nexte after the stroke so geuen.

¶ And also be it further enacted by thauctoritie aforesayd, that if any person or persons shall from the first day of April next commynge, steale or feloniously take away any plate iewels or other goodes of our said soueraigne lorde the kinge his heyres or successours kinges, of the valure of .xii.d. or aboue, or breke or enter into any the kinges houses, to thintent to steale any the kinges goodes his heyres or successours kinges, thoughe hys maiestye be absente, or any other house, while it shall fortune the same his maiestye to be lodged or abiding therin, euery such offence to be demed felony, and the person or persons so offendinge, theyr abbettours, procurers, councellours, and receptours, therof lawfully conuicted, to suffre like penalties forfaitures, peines of death, as appertaineth to felons, without hauing the benefite of theyr clergie or sainctuary, and euery such offendour, being apprehended within the verge of the kinges house, to be arraigned & tried by men of the countrey, as other offendours for offences don within the verge, before the stewarde of the sayde Marshasley and other vnto him associated, are to be arraigned and tried within the same precinct.

¶ An acte concerning certaine lordships translated from the countie of Denbigh, to the countie of Flint. Cap. xii.

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Where in ẏ parliament holdē at Westminster in the .xxxii. yere of the reigne of our soueraigne lorde kinge Henry the eyght that now is: it was amongest other enacted, that not with standynge .viii. countie dayes in one yeare, and .ix. countye dayes an other yere, were before that time holden and kept within the countye Palantine of Chester before the iusticer of the same countye, that from that time furthward the sayd iusticer should holde and kepe but onely two sessions euery yere within the same countye, the one whereof to be kepte after Michaelmas, & the other after Easter: & that from thenceforth all the said countie daies should clercly seasse and determine for euer, as by the same acte at large more plaine appereth. And for as much as within the same countie Palātine it hath not ben vsed nor

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lene, that the shiriffe of the same countie hath kept any shire court for determination of plaintes, & callinge the erigendes, as is cõmonly vsed in other shires of this realme, there was therefore neuer sithen the makynge of the sayd acte any erigende of felonie or other cause proclaimed within the saide countie, to the no littell hinderance of iustice, and to the greate boldenes of offendours. For reformacion wherof be it enacted by the kinge our soueraygne lorde, by thassent of the lordes spiritual and temporal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by thauctorite of the same, that the shirif of the same countie for the time beinge, after the feaste of Easter nexte cõming, shalbe bounden to kepe his shire court in the shire hal of the sayd countie euery moneth for euer, for determinaciõ of plaintes and actions vnder .xl.s. and for proclamacions and callinge of erigendes and other necessarye causes, as is vsed in other shires of this realme of Englãd and that .ii. hed corners, for the bodye of the said shire, shall be elected and chosen by vertue of the sayde writ, de coronatore eligendo, to be awarded out of the escheker of Chester, which corroners shalbe bound to sit with the said shiriffe at the sayd courtes, to geue iudgementes vpon vtlaries, and to doe all other thinges as apperteineth.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesaide that the sayde two sessions, informe aforesaid to be holden within the sayd countie, shall & may be holden at suche time & times as by the said iusticer or his deputie shall be appoynted, as well before the sayde feastes of Easter and Michaelmas as any other time, according as is most commonly vsed in other shires of thys realme, so alwayes open proclamacion be therof made by the space of .xv. daies at the leaste, before the firste day of the kepinge of the same sessions.

¶ And where the lordshipp townes and hamlettes of Hoppe and Assaph, haue of old time be reputed, accepted and taken as part and parcell of the countie of Flinte, and so haue bene continued vntill nowe of late, that by an acte of parliament, made in the .xxvii. yeare of the reigne of our moste dradde souerayne lord the kinges maiestie that now is, the same were assigned to the countie of Denbighe. And also where parcell of the paryshe of Hawarden is at this day and of olde time hath ben, accepted, taken and vsed as parte of the said countie of Flint, and the residue of the said parishe of Hawarden is and alwayes hath bene without the precinct, limittes, and iurisdiction of the same countie: Be it also enacted by the auctho̅rite aforesayd, that as well the sayd lordshipp, townes, and hãlettes of Hope Assaph and the sayd hole parishe of Hawarden, together with the lordeshyppe of the same, as also the lordeshippes townes and parishes of Moldesdale, Mereforde, and Oseley, and all the landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes within the precincte and limittes of the same, or any of them, shall from henceforthe be reputed, accepted taken and adiudged to be wythin the sayd countie of Flint, as a member parte and parcell of the same countye of Flint, and not of or within anye other countie or shyre, anye statute, ordinaunce, law, or custome heretofore had or vsed to ỳ contrary therof in any

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wise not withstandinge.

¶ Prouided alwayes that the inhabitauntes and tenauntes, of the sayde lordeshippes, townes, Hamlettes and parishes of Hoppe, Asaph, Moldesdale, Merefordе, and Hawarden, shall paye their misses, and tallages whan and as ofte as the same shall be due, with the inhabitauntes of suche shyre or shyres as before time hath ben accustomed. And that the said lordeships of Hoppe, Moldesdale, Merefordе, Oseleye, & Hawarden, wyth the hole and entire parishe of Hawarden, and all the groundes, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes within the precincte and limittes of the same shall from hencefordе be called taken and accepted the hundredes of Moldesedale in the county of Flint. And that the sayd lordshyp of Asaph, with al the groundes landes tenementes and hereditamētes within the precinct and limittes of the same, shall be taken, accepted, and adiudged to be as part and parcell of the hundred of Ruthlande in the same countie.

## ¶ An acte concerninge false propheceyes vpon declaracion of names armes or badges. Cap. xiiii.

Where diuers and sundrye personnes makinge their foundacion by propheceies, haue taken vpō them a knowledge as it were what shall become of thē, which beare in theyr armes cognisaunce or badge, fieldes, beastes, foules, or any other thinge or thinges, which haue bene vsed or accustomed to be put in any of the same, or in and vpon the letters of theyr names haue deuised declanted and practised to make folke thinke, that by theyr vntrue gesses it mighte be knowen, what good or euill thinges should come happen or be done by or to such persons, as bare and had such armes badges or cognisaunces, or had suche letters in their names, to the great perill and distruction of such noble personages of whom such false propheceies hath or should hereafter be set forthe, wherby in times past many noble mē haue suffered, & (if their prince would giue any eare therto) might happe to doe hereafter. For remedy whereof be it enacted by the kinges highnes, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporal, and the commons in this present parliamēt, that if any person, or persons printe or write, or els speake singe or declare to any other person, of the king, or of any other person, after the first day of July nert comminge, any such false propheceies vpon occasion of any armes fieldes beastes foules and other such like thinges, accustomed in armes cognisaunces badges or sygnittes, or by reason of letters of the name of the king, or yf any other person, to thintent to set forth such propheceies: that than euery such offence shall be demed felonye, and the offendours therin, and theyr counsaylours and abbettours and euery of them, being therof conuicte by the order of the common law, afore such as haue or shall haue power and auctorittie to here and determine felonyes, shall suffre suche peynes of death, forfaytures of

landes tenementes goodes & cattalles, as in cases of felony at the common lawe is determined and appointed, without priuilege of clergie or saintuarie to be allowed to them or any of them.

## ¶ In acte touchinge the translacion of sainctuary from Manchester to Westchester. Cap. xv.

WHere at the parliamēt begun at Westminster, the .xxviii. daye of Aprill, in the .xxi. yere of our soueraygne lord ỳ kinges moste noble and victorious reigne, and there continued by diuerse prorogations vnto the .xxv. daye of May, in the .xxii. yere of the reigne of our said soueraigne lorde the kinge, and holden vnto the .xviii. daye of July, in the sayde .xxii. yere, at whiche daye the sayde parliament was by his proces aucthoritie finished and ended. At whyche sayde parliament amongest many other thinges by his highnes, with the assente of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this presente parliament assembled, it was enacted, that the towne of Manchester in the countie of Lanc. amongest other townes & places from thencefor the should be admitted allowed and take̅ to be sainctuary, and a place of priuiledge and tuicion for terme of life, of all and singuler offendours and malefactours, of what so euer qualitie kinde or nature all and euery their offences be, for the which saide offences and crymes the peynes and punishment of death should ensue by the statutes lawes and customes of this realme, other then such as by and in the said act of parliament be expressed and forprised. And where the said towne of Manchester is and hath of longe time bene a towne well inhabited, and the kinges subiectes inhabitauntes of the same towne well set a worke in making of clothes, as well of lynnen as of wollen, wherby the inhabitauntes of the said towne haue obteined gotten and come vnto riches and welthye liuinges, and haue kepte and set many artificers and poore folckes to worke within the said towne, and by reason of the great occupieng good order straite and true dealing of the inhabitantes of the said towne, many strāgers as well of Ireland as of other places within this realme, haue resorted to the said town with linnen yarne, wolles and other necessarie wares for making of clothes, to be solde there, and haue vsed to credite and truste the poore inhabitauntes of the same towne, which were not able & had not redy money to pay in hand for the said yarnes wolles and wares vnto such time the said credites with their industry labour and peines might make clothes of the saide wolles yarne and other necessary wares, and solde the same, to contente and paye theyr creditours, wherin hath consisted much of the common welth of the said towne, & many poore folkes had liuinge, and childzen and seruauntes there vertuouslye brought vp in honest and true labour, out of all Idlenes. And for as much as of necessitie the said linnen yarne muste ly without as well in the night

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as in the day continually for the space of one halfe yere to be whited, before it can be made clothe, and the wollen clothes there made must hange vpon the tayntes, to be dyed before it can be dressed vp, and for the saulfegarde therof it is and shall be expedient and necessary, that substantiall honest iust true and credible persons be and shuld dwell in the said towne, and no maner of lighte persone or persons there to be inhabitauntes. And where also many straungers inhabiting in other townes hippes and places, haue vsed customably to resort to the sayd towne of Manchester, with a great nũber of cottons, to be vttered & solde to the inhabitantes of the same town, to the great profitte of all the inhabitantes of the same, & therby many poore people haue ben well set a worke, as well with dressing & friseing of the said cottous as with puttinge to sale the same. And for as muche as diuers light & euill disposed persons, sins the makinge of the said estatute, for certaine offences by them committed and done, haue nowe of late resorted and made their abode within the said towne of Manchester, and liued in idlenes, not alonly gyuinge euill occason to honest and true labourers and seruauntes, within the said townes to liue in suche sort of idlenes, but also haue allured and deuised diuers seruauntes & labourers, within the said towne, to practise & vse vnlawful games, wherby they haue consumed and mispent their maisters goodes being in theyr handes, and ouer that sins the resorte of the said persons to the said towne, there hath ben committed and done diuers thestes and felonies, as in felonious breakinge of walke milles, and stealynge clothes thither brought to be fulled, and also in stealinge of yarn laid out to be whited, and in stealinge and cuttinge downe great peaces of clothes from the teintours, as well by nighte as by daie, to the great impouerysshment of the owners therof, so that they be not able to kepe their credit with their said creditours, by reason wherof the said Irishemen and other whiche herebefore haue vsed to bring and sell their wolles yarne and other necessary wares for making of clothes, to thinhabitauntes of the said town and to credite them for the payment therof, as before is expressed, do nowe withdrawe them selues with their said wares, and will not bringe nor sel the same wares in the said towne, nor to the inhabitantes therof, without redy payement in hande: and the saide persones whiche vsed to bringe thyther the said cottons, do also withdrawe them selues, which shall be to the vtter decay and desolacion of the said towne within short time, if the saide offendours and sainctuarie men and suche other, shall bee suffered to make their abode within the said towne. And also forasmuche as the said towne of Manchester is not walled, whereby the said saintuarie men may or can saufely be kept in the nighte season, but that they may and doe continually escape out of the same towne by night, and commit sundry great robberies and felonies vppon the kinges louinge and obedient subiectes, repayringe to the same towne, and after their saide felonies and robberies so committed may without any let of wall or fortresse enter in euery parte and quarter of the same towne. And also for as muche as there is neyther Mayre,

shyriffe bayliffe, nor other head officer or officers within the same towne, other then a stewarde being officer imediately vnder the chiefe lorde of the same towne, by reason wherof or by whom the said saintuarie men myght be the more in drede or better punished, after theyr saide robberies or euyll doinges, nor yet any prison house or iayle saufely to kepe them in after their saide offences and euill doynges. wherefore be it ordeined and enacted by the kinge our soueraigne lorde, and the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that the sayd former acte of parliament concerning the priuilege sainctuarie and tuicion for the said offendours onely within the sayd towne of Manchester, shall and may be from the feast of the natiuitie of sainct John Baptiste nowe nexte comminge, repelled, adnichilate, and made frustrate. And the saide towne of Manchester from the sayde feaste of saincte John Baptiste, shall be of lyke condicion estate and qualite discharged of the said sainctuarie and priuilege, as the same towne was before the making of the said former acte, any thing sentence clause or article conteined in the said former acte, to the contrary not withstandinge.

¶ And that it maye be ordeined and enacted by the kinge our soueraygne lorde, and the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in thys present parliamente assembled, and by aucthoritie of the same, that the citie of Westchester, in the countie of Chester, which is well inhabited, hauing no suche trade of marchandise, and hath a stronge iayle within the same citie, for punishment of malefactours, and also there is in the same citie a mayre baliffes and other head officers, amongest other townes and places from henseforth may be admitted allowed and taken to be sainctuary, & a place of priuilege and tuicion for terme of lyfe of all and singuler offenders and malefactours, of what so euer qualitie kinde and nature all and euery the sayde offences be, for the whiche sayde offences and crimes, the peines and punishment of death shoulde ensue by the statutes lawes and customes of this realme, other than suche as by and in the said acte of parliament be expressed and forprised.

¶ Prouided alwayes, that this act or any thinge therin conteined, shal not extend to repell adnichilate or make voyde the saide former acte of parliament, made in the saide. xxxii. yere of our said soueraigne lorde the king, concerning any sainctuary or priuileged places, limitted in the saide former act, other than onely the said towne of Manchester,

¶ And be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that the constables of the saide towne of Manchester, for the time beynge, takinge and associatyng with them, twenty of the inhabitauntes of the said towne by their discretions, shall haue the saufe conduction leadinge and bringynge of all saintuary menne, nowe or hereafter before the feaste of the Natiuitie of saincte John Baptiste next comminge, beinge in the said towne, to conducte lead. and saufe bring from the said towne of Manchester, to the foresaide citie of Westchester, there to remaine as sainctuary men, and to be deliuered to the

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maire and shiriffes of the said citie of Westchester, by indenture to be made betwene the foresaide constables and the said maire and shiriffes there for the time beinge, in which indentures shalbe comprised and specified the names of all such sainctuary persons, as shall be so deliuered: & that the sayde sainctuarie persons and euery of them, shall be in all places meane betwene Manchester and Westchester, in the time of their said conduction leadinge and bringing from Manchester to Westchester, as they and euery of them had bene and remained sainctuary persons in Mãchester aforesaid.

¶ Prouided alwaye, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaide, that if hereafter vpon any reasonable matter or cause, it shall appeare to the kynges maiestie by informacion or otherwise, that the sayde citie of Chester is not mete to sainctuarye, nor for a place of priuilege and tuicion for the saide offendours and malefactours, as bene aboue remembred, or for suche lyke of their condicions: that then it shalbe lawefull to the kinges highnes, by hys graces proclamacion, to extinct and determine the saide sainctuarye within the saide citie of Chester, and clerelye to discharge the same cytye therof: and therupon to appoint ordeine & make one other towne or place to be sainctuarye, and a place of priuiledge and tuicion for the saide offendours and malefactours, any thing in this acte conteined to the contrarye not withstandinge.

## ¶ An act for worstede yarne in Northfolke. Cap. xvi.

Vhere as for the most parte in all the shires and countyes of this realme of England: there be and haue bene certaine priuate commodities growinge and risinge onely within the saide shires or counties, by the which onely commodyties politikely prouided for and continued, the cities and townes within the said shyres and counties, and the inhabitauntes of the same, be and haue bene without any foreine ayd or succour plenteously and welthely kept mainteined defended and preserued: al whiche commodities by the disceite and subtill practises, as well of marchantes straungers as of diuers other couetous and euill conscioned persons, haue ben and be many times clerely destroyed and subuerted, to the great losse & decaye as well of the said cities and townes, within euery such shyres and counties, as of the inhabitants of the same, Amonges the which said cities townes shyres and counties, hauing priuate commodities, the citie of Norwiche and diuers other, and many townes in the countie of Norf. hath ben alwaies heretofore kepte preserued and mainteined, and the poore men and other dwellers and inhabitantes in the same, godly honestly & vertuously brought vp occupied and exercised, by a commoditie growinge and rysing onely within the saide county, that is to saye, the makinge and weauynge of worstedes & other clothes, which hath ben made and wouen of the yarne called worstede yarne, spunne of the woulle growinge and coming of the

shepe breed onely within the countie of Norfolke, and in no place els where. And for as muche as the said commoditie of making and weauing of worstedes, within the saide citie of Norwiche and countie of Norfolke, by the disceite & craftie practises of the greate multitude of regratours and byers of the saide yarne, called worstede yarne, is holly decaied and taken awaye from the sayde dwellers and inhabytauntes in the sayd citie and shire, that is to saye, in that that the saide regratours do by the saide yarne by smalle parcels of many men, and after that they haue so by littel and littell bought a greate quantitie of the saide yarne, doe cause it to be wouen or otherwise wrought in the said citie or countie, but do sell send and cary awaie the same yarne out of this realme of Englande, into Fraunce, Flaunders, and suche other lyke places beyonde the sea, where with the said yarne, strangers not being borne vnder the kinges dominions, do make and weaue saies, russelles worsted, and diuers and sundrye other clothes and thinges, the whiche after they haue so made and wouen, the saide straungers do sell agayne to vs Englishmen within this saide realme of Englande, to their great profit lucre and aduantage, and to the clere decay and destruction of the said commoditie: by reason wherof the said citie of Norwich, & other the said townes in the saide countie of Norf. are not onely most likely to be brought to vtter ruine and decaye, & the poore men and other dwellers & inhabitantes of the same, which haue bene heretofore set one worke, kept and mainteined only by the said commoditie, illuded and deceiued therof, but also are very like to be lefte destitute & vnprouided of a liuinge, or any maner of arte or occupacion, by the which they shall be able within the said citie or county to acquire to them selues their wiues and children, anie honest waie and trade to liue Be it therfore ordeined and enacted, by the assente of the kinges most roial maiestie, and the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this pˢent parliament assembled, & by auctoritie of the same, that no person ne persons from hence foorth shall bye ne cause to be bought within the sayde citie of Norwiche, or countie of Norf. any yarne called worstede yarne the which shalbe spunne within the sayd citie or countie, but onely such pˢon or persons, being weauers, or other artificers, the which shall weaue or otherwise worke, or cause to be wouen or otherwise wrought the saide yarne so bought within the sayd citie & countie, in the said citie of Norwich, or some other market town or townes or els where within the said cou̅ty of Norf. vpon the peine of forfayting for euery pounde weight of yarne, called worstede yarne, so bought within the said citie of Norwich, or countye of Norf. & not wouē or otherwise wrought within the said citie or cou̅tie, as is afore sayd, xl.s. the one halfe therof to our soueraigne lord the kinge, and the other halfe to him or thē that shal so take the said yarne, or sue for the same by byl plaint informacion or otherwise, in whiche suite none essoine protection ne wager of lawe shall be allowed or admitted.

¶ And be it further ordeined & enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that if anye person or personnes doe from or after the fyrst daye of april nexte ensuynge

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shippe to carie or conuey, or cause to be shipped to carie or conuey into the parties beyonde the sea, or els doe carie or conuey, or cause to be caryed and conueyed into the partyes beyonde the sea, any yarne called worsted yarne not wrought or made in cloth, so such yarne be spunne or made within this realme of Englande, that than euery person and persons, so shippinge conueying or carienge, or causing such yarne so to be shipped, caried or conueid shall forfaite for euery pounde of worstede yarne, so shipped conuried or caried .xl.s. the one halfe thereof to be vnto our soueraigne lorde the kinge the other halfe vnto him or them that wyll sue for the same in any courte of recorde by informacion, bill, playnt or otherwise, where as no wager of lawe essoine or protection shall be allowed. This acte to continue and endure vnto the last daie of the nexte parliament.

## ¶An acte for confyrmacion and continuacion of certaine actes. Cap.xvii.

WHere in the parliament begunne and holden at London the thyrde day of Nouembre, in the.xxi.yere of the reigne of our moste dradde soueraigne lorde, kinge Henrye the eyght, and from thence adiourned to Westminster, and there holden and continued by diuers prorogacions, vntill the dissolucion therof, an act was made and established, declaring and concerning as well how the aged poore and impotent persons, compelled to liue by almes, should be ordered and vsed, and also how vagabondes and mightie stronge beggers shoulde be whipped and punished: And at the sayde parliament one other acte was made and established, for the restrainte of carienge and conueynge of horses and mares out of this realme: And also at the sayde parliament one other acte was made and established for punishment of Walshemenne, attemptinge, assautes, or affraies vpon any the inhabitauntes of Herefordе, Glouceſter, or Shropshire, which saide thre seuerall actes were also made to endure to the laste day of the nexte parliament, as by the same three seuerall actes more plainely appereth: And also one other acte was there made in the sayde parlyamente for the true makynge of cables, halters, and ropes: And also one other acte for the true windinge of wolles: And one other acte to restrayne killynge of wainlynges, bullockes, steeres, or hefers, beinge vnder the age of two yeares, whiche saide three seuerall actes last before remembred were than made to endure and continewe vnto the nexte parliamente, as by the same three seuerall actes more playnely apperethe. And where also in the sayde parliamente, one other acte was made and established for the attaintes to be sewed for the punishmente of periurie vpon vntrue verdictes: And also one other acte was theere made in the saide parliamente concerninge sowynge of flaxe and hempe, all whiche said two seuerall actes last before reherſed were than made and ordey-

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ned to continue and endure to the laſt daye of the nerte parliamente, as by the ſame two ſeuerall actes moze playnely at large is ſhewed and may appere. And where alſo in the ſaide parliament one other acte was made and eſtabliſhed foz making of Jailes in diuers ſhires of this realme, which ſaide acte was than made to continue and endure foz one yere next after the end of the ſame parliament, as by the ſame acte alſo moze playnely appereth. And where alſo in the parliament begunne and holden at Weſtm. the viii. day of June, in the xxviii. yeare of the reigne of our ſayde moſte dzad ſoueraigne lozde kinge Henrie the. viii. and there continued and kept vntill the diſſolution therof It was ozdeined and enacted, that all and ſinguler the ſaid ſeuerall actes aboue remembzed, and euery of them, ſhoulde continue and endure in their fozce and ſtrengthe, and alſo be obſerued and kepte vntill the laſt daye of the next parliamente, as by the ſame acte amonges other thinges therein conteined moze playnely appeareth. And where alſo in the parliament begun and holden at Weſtminſter, the. xxviii. day of Apzil, and there continued vntill the. xxviii. daye of June, in the. xxxi. yeare of the reigne of our ſaide moſte dzad ſoueraigne lozde kinge Henrie the eight, it was ozdeined and enacted by the authozitie of the ſame parliamente, that all and ſinguler the ſayd ſeuerall actes aboue remembzed, and euery of thē, and all clauſes, articles, and pzouiſions, in them and euery of them conteined, ſhould continue and endure in their fozce and ſtrengthe, and alſo bee obſerued and kept vntill the laſt day of the next parliament, as by the ſame acte amonges other thinges therin conteined moze playnely appereth. And where alſo in the laſt Seſſion of the ſame parliament begun at Weſtminſter the. xii daye of Apzill, in the ſayde. xxxi. yeare of the kinges moſte noble reigne, and there by diuers pzozogations continued, vntill the. xxiiii. daye of July, in the. xxxii. yeare of our ſaide ſoueraigne lozde the kynges reigne. there was one other acte made and eſtabliſhed foz and concerning the reformation of miſpleadinge, ieofailes, and attourneis, whiche ſame acte with the Pzouiſo therin conteined, were made to endure vntill the laſt day of the nerte parliament, as by the ſame acte and Pzouiſo amonges other thinges therin conteined, moze playnely appereth. And foz as muche as all and ſinguler the ſayd ſeuerall actes aboue mentioned, be good and beneficiall foz the common welth of this realme: Be it therefoze enacted and ozdeined by the auctho̅zitie of this pzeſent parliament, that all and ſingular the ſayd ſeuerall actes, and euery of them, and all clauſes articles and pzouiſions in them and euery of them conteined, ſhall continue and endure in their fozce and ſtrengthe, and be obſerued and kept in all thinges vnto the laſte daye of the next parliament.

¶ Pzouided alwayes, & be it enacted by the authozitie of this pzeſent parliament, that it ſhall not bee lefull to anye perſone oz perſones, at anye tyme hereafter, to water any maner of hempe oz flare in any riuer running water ſtreame, bzooke oz other common ponde, where beaſtes be vſed to be watered

watered but onely on the grounde or pittes for the same ordeyned, and to be ordeined made and prouided, or els in other their owne seuerall pondes, vpon peine euery person and persons, offendinge or doinge contrarie to the tenour meaninge and purporte of this estatute, to lose and forfaite for euerie time so doing.xx.s. the one halfe therof to be to our soueraigne lorde the kinge, and the other halfe therof to be to the partie greeued, or to any other the kinges subiectes that will sue for the same forfaiture in anye courte of recorde, leete, or lawdaye, by action of dette, bill, plainte informacyon or otherwise, in whiche suite no protection, wager of law, essoine, or other delatorie plea, shalbe admitted or allowed.

## ¶An acte for true makinge of kerseies. Cap. xviii.

Where at the parliament holden at London the thyrde day of Nouember, in the.xxi. yere of our moste dradde soueraygne lorde the kynges moste gracious reygne that nowe is, and from thens adiourned to westminster, and there continued by sundrie prorogacions vnto the fourthe day of Februarye in the xxvii. yere of hys sayd graces reigne, it was ordeyned and enacted in the session of the said parliament, in the sayde .xxvii. yere amongest other thinges, that after the feast of saincte Michaell the archangell nexte ensewinge after the makinge of the saide acte, euerye clothyer within thys realme, shoulde sette his seale of leade vnto euerye clothe and kersey that should be redy made and dressed to be put to sale, in whith seale of leade should be conteined the true and iust content of the length of euery of the same clothes or kerseies, as it shoulde be duely founde by euerye byer of the same vpō due proufe therof to be tried by the water. And in case vpon any such profe to be made by any bier of them at the water there should be founde lesse and smaller contente in length, than should be conteined and specified in euery of the said seales, that than euery suche clothier, makinge such defaulte, should lose and forfaite vnto euery suche byer of the same, the double value of so muche clothe as shoulde wante or lacke of hys sayd contente in length, at the onely sight & iudgement of any two indifferente persons that should measure the saide clothes and kerseies. And furthermore it was enacted by the sayd act, that euery kersey, so to be put to sale, should conteine in breadth one yarde within the liste, vppon due proufe therof to be tried by the water, vpon peine to forfayte for euery suche kersey, lackinge of the sayde contente in bredth .xx.d. as by the same acte amonges other thynges therin conteined more at large it is expressed and may appere, whiche sayde acte yf it should be put in execucion, should not alonely growe and be to the greate losses and decaye of the kinges highnes customes, but also to to the great hinderaunce hurte and impouerishement of the kinges louinge and obedient subiectes, and specialy of those inhabitinge within the counties of Berks. Southt. Oxfordeshire, Surrey, Sussex, and Yorkeshyre,

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where there are a greate number of course kerseies made, beinge of the value of.xxx.s. the piece, or there aboutes: whiche kerseies are made of course wol and are cõmonly solde for.xx.d.or.xxii d. the yarde coloured, of whiche course sorte of kerseies there are commonly made in the saide counties fyue hundred agaynst one fine kersey, by the makinge and workinge whereof a great number of the kinges subiectes are set a worke and get their liuinges whiche course kerseies are vttered into the farre parties beyonde the sea, and few or none vttered in this realme, and haue not ben vsed sithe the remembrance of man to be made of suche content in bredth, as is limitted in the said estatute, for that the woll and yarne, wherof the saide kerseies are made, be of suche kindes and properties, as well by reason of the coursnes of the woll, as also for the manyfolde difference of sundrie spinninges of the same, and for diuers other consideracions, the kerseyes therof made can not be so certeinly wrought, as the same should and might kepe any true or iuste certeintie of lengthe or bredth throughly, whan it shall come to the water, although the workers and makers of the same do put therunto the beste of theyr forces and diligence, as by experience & proue therof hath bene dewly proued, and is nowe ryghte well perceiued: by occasion wherof the makers and workers of suche course kerseies should be compelled either to forsake their misteries of makinge of suche course kerseies, wherby many thousandes persons dwelling within this realme, and specially within the counties aboue rehersed, now hauing good and competent liuinges should be vnoccupied and fall to idlenes, or els to incurre the daunger and penaltie of the saide estatute, to theyr vtter vndoinge.

¶ For remedy wherof, be it enacted by the kinge our soueraygne lorde, the lordes spirituall and temporall, & the commons in this present parliamente assembled, and by auctorite of the same, that from henceforth it shall and may be lefull to all and euery of the kinges subiectes, to make, worke, & put to sale at their libertie and pleasure, all maner of such coloured kersey and kerseies, which shall be solde at or for.xx.d.or.xxii d. the yarde or vnder, and not aboue, of such lengthes and bredthes as they did might or were wonte to do before the makinge of the saide acte, made in the sayd.xxvii. yeare of our said soueraigne lord the kinges reigne, or any other acte, without incurring or runninge into any daunger or penaltie for the same, the sayde acte made in the said.xxvii.yere, or any thing therin conteined, or any other acte or statute made to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ Prouided alway, that all maner of kerseies to be made wrought and put to sale within this realme, of the colours of blacke, marble, russet, & white (which said colours be cõmonly solde and retailed within this realme) shall be made of such contente in bredth, as is limitted in the saide former acte, vpon peine in the same former acte conteined, any thing in this present acte conteined to the contrarie not withstanding.

¶ And it is further enacted by the auctho̅itie aforesaide, that all and euerye person or persons, which shall make or worke anye kerseies of the pry-

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ces aboue reherſed, or vnder, ſhall at all times hereafter from time to time, make the ſame kerſeies truely, without deceite, and that they or any of thē doe not ſhall falſely or vntruely make or ſtoppe anye maner kerſeies with ſtockes, thrummes or other deceiuable thinge or thinges, to the deceyte of any perſon or perſons, nor ſhall by colour of anye libertie to them geuen, or other matter compriſed in this eſtatute, make, worke and putte to ſale any coloured kerſey or kerſeis of the prices aboue reherſed, whyche ſhall conteine aup leſſe in bredth than three quarters of a yarde and one nayle wyth in the liſte, to be tried at the water, vpon peine to forfaite for euery kerſey ſo falſely made or ſtopped with ſtockes, thrummes, or other deceyueable thinge or thinges, to the deceite of any perſon or perſons .xx.s. and vppon paine to forfaite for euery ſuche coloured kerſey of the price aboue reherſed to be made and put to ſale, not conteining .iii. quarters of a yarde and one naile in bredth within the liſte, to be tried at the water as is aforeſayd, xx.d. the one halfe of which forfaitures to be to our ſoueraigne lorde the kinge, & the other halfe therof to be to him or them that will ſue for the ſame in any of the kinges courtes of recorde, by action of det, bill plaint or informacion, wherin the defendant ſhall not be receiued to wage his lawe, nor any eſſoin or protection for ſuch defendant to be allowed.

¶ Prouided alway that the ſaid former acte, made in the ſaid .xxvii. yere & all clauſes and articles in the ſame conteined (other than concerninge the bredthe of coloured kerſeis of the prices afore reherſed) ſhall ſtande and be in their full ſtrength and effecte, and be kepte and obſerued according to the tenour and purporte of the ſame acte.

¶ Prouided alſo and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſayde, that the aulnager of euery countie ſhall and may lawfully ſeale euery of the ſame coloured kerſeis of the prices aboueſaide, in like maner and fourme as he or they ſhould or might haue done, if the ſaide former acte had neuer bene had nor made.

¶ Prouided alſo, that none of the ſayd kerſeies of the prices afore limitted, nor any other kerſey or brode clothe, made within this realme to be vttered and ſolde, ſhalbe put to ſale before that they and euery of them ſhall be ſealed by the aulnager with the kinges ſeale, as hath bene accuſtomed.

## ¶ An acte erpoundinge a certaine ſtatute concerning ſhippinge of clothes. Cap. xix.

WHere in the parliamente begun and holden at London the thirde daye of Nouembre, in the .xxi. yeare of the reygne of our moſte dradde ſoueraigne lorde, kinge Henry the eyghte, & from thence adiourned to Weſtminſter & there alſo holden and continued by diuers prorogacions, vnto the .xiii. day of Februarie, in the .xxviii. yere of our ſaid ſoueraigne lorde the kinges reigne, and there then holden vntill the diſſolucion thereof, It was

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by acte of parliament ordeined and eſtabliſhed, that euerye white woollen clothe ſolde for .iiii.li. and vnder, and euery coloured clothe ſolde for .iii.li. and vnder, might be caried and cõueied into the parties of beyond the ſea there to be ſolde at the pleaſure of the biers of the ſaide clothe and clothes vnbarbed, vnſhorne, and vnrowed, any act or actes to the contrary made not withſtanding. And by the ſame act it was further enacted, that if any perſon or perſones did ſende or conueye or cauſe to be ſente or conueyed into the parties beyonde the ſea, any whyte wollẽ clothe aboue the value of .iiii. li or any coloured clothe aboue the price of .iii. li. vnrowed vnbarbed & vnſhorne, in other fourme then is aboue mencioned, that then the perſonne or perſons ſo offendinge ſhall forfaite the value of the ſaide clothes ſo caryed and conueyed into the parties beyonde the ſea, the one moitie of the ſame forfayture to be to the vſe of our sayd ſoueraigne lorde the kinge, and the other moitie to any perſon whiche will or ſhall ſue by bill writ or otherwiſe agaynſt any perſon for the ſame, and the defendant in any plea vppon any ſuch ſuite or action be not admitted to wage his law, nor any protection or eſſoine for any ſuche defendaunt be allowed in the ſame, as by the ſame acte more plainely appeareth. Upon the interpretacion and expoundinge of certain wordes within the ſaid act diuerſitie of opinions hath riſen amongeſt ſome perſons, that if any perſon or perſons ſende or conuey, or cauſe to be ſente or conueied towardes the parties of beyonde the ſea, any white woollen clothe, aboue the value of .iiii.li. or any coloured clothe, aboue the value of .iii.li. vnrowed vnbarbed or vnſhorne, whether the ſame clothe ſo ſent or the value therof be forfaited before the ſame clothe be caried and conueyed into the parties of beyond the ſea. For a plaine declaracion of the premiſſes be it ordeined and enacted by the auctoritie of this preſent parliament, that no perſon or perſons from henceforthe ſhall carie or ſhip, or cauſe to be ſhypped in any ſhip bote, crate, or veſſell any white woollen clothe, aboue the value of .iiii.li. or any coloured clothe aboue the value of .iii.li. vnrowed vnbarbed or vnſhorne, to the intente to be conueyed into the parties beyonde the ſea, vppon paine of forfaiture of the ſame clothe or clothes, or the value therof, the ſame forfaiture to be recouered in ſuche maner and fourme as is afore mencioned.

## ¶ An acte for due proces to be had in high treaſons, and in caſes of lunacye or madnes. ¶ Cap. rr.

FOr as muche as ſometyme ſome perſonnes beynge accuſed of hyghe treaſons, haue after they haue benne examyned before the kynges maieſtyes counſayle, confeſſed theyr offences of hyghe treaſon, and yet neuertheleſſe after the doynge of theyr treaſons, and examinacions and confeſſions thereof, as is afore ſaide, haue fallen to madnes or lunacye, whereby the condigne puniſhment of their treaſons, were they neuer ſo notable

notable and detestable, hath ben deferred, spared, and delaied, and whether their madnes or lunacy by them outwardly shewed were of trouth or falsely contriued and counterfaited, it is a thing almoste impossible certainely to iudge or trie. Be it therefore enacted by authoritie of this present parliament, to auoid all sinister counterfeit and false practises and imaginations that may be vsed for excuse of punishement of highe treasons, in suche cases where they be done or committed by personne or personnes of good perfect and hole memory at the tyme of suche their offences, that if anye personne or personnes haue done or committed, or hereafter shall do or committe any highe treasons when they were in good hole and perfecte memory, and after their accusation, examination and confession thereof, before any the kinges maiesties counsaile, shall happen to fall to madnes or lunacie, that yet neuertheless, if it shall appeare by the testimonie of foure of the kinges councell or mo, that suche personnes at the tyme of doing their treason, and at the time of their accusation, examination, and confession thereof, were of good perfect and hole memorie, and than not mad nor lunatike, but sithen that time fallen to madnes or lunacy, and so certified into the kinges Chancery by wryting subscribed with the names of foure of the sayde counsel or mo: that then in euery suche case the kinges maiesties commission of oyer and determiner of the treasons, shalbe awarded out of the said Chãcery, vnder his highnes great seale, into suche shire and place, & to suche persons, as it shall please the kinges most roiall maiestie to limit and appoint, in which commissiõ shalbe specially mentioned and expressed the names of suche person or persons, who shall happen to be accused and examined of treason before any the kinges maiesties counsaile, as is afore sayde, and an expresse mention, that by the testimony of foure of the kynges counsayle, suche persone or persons so accused or examined of treason, were of good perfecte and hole memory at the tyme of committinge their offences, and at the time of their accusation, examination, and confession therof, and that sithens that time they be become mad or lunatike. By vertue of whiche commission the commissioners, limitted by the same commission, shall haue power and authoritie to enquire of the treasons, done by suche persones, by the inhabitãtes or freeholders of the shire where suche commission shall be directed to, where soeuer the sayd treasons were done or committed. And if suche persone or persones aforesaide, shall happen to be indited of high treason, than the sayd commissioners, without the personall apparance or arraignement of suche persone or persones so indited, shall cause the shiriffe or his ministers, or other hauing authoritie to returne processe of such cases, to returne a panell before them of sufficient and laufull freholders of the shire, where suche persones shalbe indited, for the triall of their treasons conteyned in their inditement. And after the returne of the panel, and apparaunce of the Jury, the said commissioners in the absence of the saide person or persones indited, being mad or lunatike, without any araignement aunswere or plea to the inditement, shall sweare. xii. of suche of the saide iurie as shall bee re-

turned before them, to trie whether the persone or persons indited be giltie of the treasons conteined in the inditement, or of any of them (or not giltie) causing onely the inditement to be redde to the said iury, and after the reading thereof, cause and suffre vpon euidence to be geuen to the iury, as wel for the king as for the partie touching the treasons conteined in the inditement, as to their discretions shall seme conuenient. Whereuppon the Iury shall be bounden to geue their verdite according to their euidence, as if the persones indited had be present arraigned and pleaded to the same: And if it shall happen suche persone or persones so indited, to be found giltie by the said iury so charged to trie suche treasons, that then the offendours of suche treasons so founde giltie, shall haue such iudgement, and suffer suche peines of death, forfaitures of landes, goodes, cattalles, and all other thinges, as is commonly limitted in cases of high treason, and as if suche persones had bene of good and hole memory, and personally present arraigned and pleaded to their inditement, and had bene founde giltie thereof, their madnes or lunacie, or their absence non arraignement, or not pleading to the saide inditement, in any wyse not letting nor withstanding.

¶ Prouided alwaye and be it enacted by authoritie aforesayde, that if any of thee peeres of this realme shall happen to be accused & examined of highe treason before any the kinges counsell, & do cõfesse the same, & afterwardes fall to madnes or lunacy, as is aforesaid, that then suche treasons done and committed by any peere of the realme, and by him or her cõfessed vpon examination thereof before anye the kinges counsayle, as is aforesayde, and their confessions, if they can write, subscribed with their names, shall bee enquired of by vertue of the kinges commission of oyer and terminer, to be awarded in maner and fourme aboue rehearsed. And if they shall happen to be indited of high treason, by vertue of suche commission, yet neuertheles their triall shall be alwayes had by their peeres, before the highe steward of England, to be assigned by the kinges highnes, & that the highe steward to be assigned by the kinges maiestie in euery such case, shall haue the record of the inditement brought to him, & shall cause to be summoned, to appeare before him, the peeres of the realme, as hath bene accustomed, at a daye and place by the saide highe steward to be limitted, at which day & place the said high steward, after the apparance of the peeres before him, hauing the recorde of the sayde inditement before him, shall in the absence of the persone indited, whiche shall happen to be mad or lunatike, as is aforesayde, and without his or hir arraignement or pleadinge to the inditement, cause the saide inditement to be red to the peeres, and in their presence cause to be declared by his discretion all maner of euidence & witnes touching the treasons conteined in the said inditement, and afterward charge the said peeres vpon their faithes, and dueties of allegiance, that they owen to the kinges maiestie, to trie whether the persone indited be giltie of the treasons conteined in the inditementes or any of them, or not giltye. And if they shall finde him or hyr giltie: that then such iudgement execution and forfaitures shall

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be had made and done, as if such persone indited had bene of good memory and personally present arraigned and pleaded to the saide inditemente, and had bene found guilty of the treasons therin conteined, the madnes or lunacie of such persons in such cases as is aforesayd, not withstanding.

¶ And be it further enacted by authoritie of this present parliament, that if any person or persons, shal happen to be attainted and conuicted of highe treason, by authoritie of parliament, or by the due course of the common lawes or statutes of this realme, and afterwardes fall to madnesse or lunacy, that yet neuertheless they shall haue and suffre execution, their madnes or lunacy not withstanding. And that if any persone or persons shalbe attainted of highe treason by the course of the common lawes or statutes of this realme, that in euery suche case euery suche atteinder by the common lawe shalbe of as good strength value force and effecte, as if it had bene done by authoritie of parliament: And that the kinges maiestie his heires and successours, shall haue as much benefite and aduauntage by such atteinder, as well of vses rightes entrees conditions, as possessions, reuersions, remainders, and al other thinges, as if it had bene done and declared by authoritie of parliament, & shalbe demed and adiudged in actuall and reall possessions of the landes, tenementes, hereditamentes, vses, goodes, cattalles, and all other thinges of the offendours so attainted, which his highnes ought laufully to haue, and which they so being atteinted, ought or mought laufully lose and forfaite if the atteinder had bene done by authoritie of parliament, without any office or inquisition to be found of, the same, any lawe, statute or vse of this realme, to the contrary therof in any wise not withstanding.

¶ Sauing to al and euery person and persons, and bodies politike, & their heires, assignes, and successours, and euery of theim, other than such person and persones, whiche hereafter shall be attainted of highe treason, and their heires and assignes and euery of theim, and all and euery other persone and persones, claiming by them or any of them, or to their vses, or to the vses of any of them, after the said treasons committed, al such right title vse possession entree reuertions remainders interestes cõditions fees offices rentes annuities commons leases and all other commodities profites and hereditamentes what soeuer they or any of them should might or ought to haue had, if this acte had neuer bene had ne made.

## ¶ An acte concerning the atteinder of the late queene Katherine and hir complices. Cap. xxi.

IN their moost humble wyse beseechen youre moste royall maiestie, the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and all other your moste louing and obedient subiectes the commons of this your moste highe courte of parliament assembled, that where besides anye mans expectation suche chaunce hathe happened by maistres Katherine Howard, which your highnes

nes take to your wife, bothe to your maiestie chiefly, and so consequently to vs all, that the like we thinke hath scarce bene sene, the likelihoodes and apparances being so farre contrary to that, whiche by euident & due proufe is nowe founde true. First that it will please your maiestie to take it in suche parte, as thereby arise not to vs all a greater inconuenience, whiche is the trouble of your harte, and vnquietnes of your mynde: for that should bee a shortening of that which wee all should repent & moste desire the contrary. Secondly, that it would please your maiestie to pardon all your louing subiectes, which since these matters came to their knowledge, haue detested & abhorred hir for this fact, both in word maner and dede, and of wordes vttered by them of hir and hir adherentes not mainteinable in your lawes, considering that they did and doe it onely for the great zeale and loue that they beare to your maiestie, and the abhomination of the detestable facte. Thirdly, that since it pleased your maiestie vpon those likely outwarde apparances, to take the said maistres Katherine Howarde to your wyfe, and Queene, of your moste excellent goodnes, and for a godly purpose, and also moste liberally to endue hir with great possessions for the maintenaunce of the same, thinking and taking her at that time to be chaste, and of pure clene and honest liuing, the contrary whereof is nowe duely proued, both by hir owne confession, and others also. And that also shee after the mariage betweene your maiestie and hir, tooke moste trayterously to hir seruice the same persone, with whome shee vsed that vicious lyfe before, whose name was Fraunces Dereham, and vsed him in manye secrete conferences and messages after as by his confession and attaindour doeth more playnly appeare. Calling also to hir seruice in roume of Chamberer a woman, whiche was priuie to hir noughty life before, whereby she hath shewed a great apparaunce and in maner a due proufe of will to retourne to hir olde and abhominable life with the foresaid person: And yet she not satisfied with these abhominable carnall desires, the ende whereof howe perillous it was and might haue bene to your maiestie and persone, were harde to expresse, hath also since that time moste trayterously confederated hir selfe with the lady Jane Rochefords wydowe, late wife of George Boleine knight, late lorde Rochefords, to bring hir vicious and abhominable purpose to passe with Thomas Culpeper esquier, late one of the gentlemen of your graces priuy chamber, by whose meanes the Queene brought to passe, that the said Culpeper and she met in a secret and vile place, and that at an vndue houre of a leuen a clocke in the night, and so remained there with him tyll three of the clock in the morning, none being with them but that baude the lady Jane, Rochesord, by whose meanes Culpeper came thither, and ther they all three and at other conferences together afterward, most falsely and traiterously cõmitted and perpetrated many detestable & abhominable treasons, to the moste feareful peril and daunger of the destruction of your most royal persone, and to the vtter losse disherison and desolation of this your realme of Englande, if God of his infinite goodnes had not in due time brought the

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ſaid treaſons to light. Of and for whiche treaſons being manifeſtlye and plainly proued, as well by the confeſſion of the ſaide Quene and other the ſaid parties, as by diuers other witneſſes and proues, the ſaide Fraunces Dereham, and Thomas Culpeper, haue bene laufull and truely, and accor-ding to the lawes of the realme conuicted and attainted: And the ſaide Queene & Jane lady Rochefor̄d be laufully indicted, in ſo muche that Tho-mas Culpeper & Fraunces Dereham haue iuſtly ſuffered therefore paynes of death, according to their merites, as by the recordes thereof more plainly at large may appeare. It may therefore pleaſe your highnes, of your moſte excellent & accuſtomable goodnes, and for the entier loue fauour and harty affection, that your maieſtie hath alwaies heretofore borne, and yet beareth to the common wealth of this your realme of England, & for the conſerua-tion of your moſte excellent highnes and proſperitie, and of the good peace vnitie and reſt of vs your moſt bounden and obedient ſubiectes, to graunt and aſſent at the moſte humble deſire and petition of your louing and obe-dient ſubiectes, the Lordes ſpirituall and temporall, & commons in this pre-ſent parliament aſſembled, that this their laufull inditementes and attein-dours, of ſuch as haue lately ſuffered, may be approued by the authoritie of this preſent parliament. And that it may be enacted, that the ſayd Queene Katherine, and Jane lady Rochefor̄de, for their ſaide abhominable and de-teſtable treaſons by them and euery of them moſte abhominably and trai-terouſly committed & done againſt your maieſtie and this your realme ſhal be by the authoritie of this preſent parliament, cōuicted & attainted of high treaſons, and that the ſame Queene Katherin, and Jane lady Rochefor̄d & eyther of them ſhall haue and ſuffre paines of death, loſſe of goodes, catals, dettes, fermes, and all other things, as in caſes of high treaſon by the lawes of this your realme hath bene accuſtomed graūted & geuen to the crowne. And alſo that the ſaid Queene Katherine, Jane lady Rochefor̄de, Thomas Culpeper, and Fraunces Dereham and euery of them, ſhall loſe and forfaite to your highnes and to your heires all ſuche rightes title intereſt, vſe and poſſeſſion, whiche they or any of them had the. xxb. daie of Auguſt, in the xxiii. yeare of your raigne, or any time ſithens, of in or to all ſuche their ho-nours, manours, meaſes, landes, tenemētes, rētes, reuerſions, remainders, vſes, poſſeſſions, offices, rightes, conditions, and all other their here dita-mentes of what names natures or qualities ſo euer they be, & that all ſuch rightes, title, intereſte, vſe and poſſeſſion, which they or any of them had, or of right ought to haue the ſaid. xxb. day of Auguſte, or any time ſithen, of in or to the ſame honours, caſtels, manours, meaſes, lādes, tenements, rentes, reuertions, remainders, vſes, poſſeſſions, offices, rightes, cōmodities, & he-reditamentes, by the authoritie afore ſaide, ſhalbe demed veſted and iudged to be in the actuall and reall poſſeſſion of your maieſtie, without any office or inquiſition therof hereafter to be taken or found, according to the cōmon lawes of this your realme: Sauing to euery perſon and perſons, & bodies politike, and to their heires, aſſignes, and ſucceſſours, and euerye of them,

other than the saide Queene Katherine, Jane Lady Rochefozde, Thomas Culpeper, and Fraunces Dereham, and their heyres, and euerye of them, hereafter clayming the premisses, as heire by or from theim, or by or from anye of them, and all and euerye other persone and persones, clayming by them or anye of them, or to their vses, or to the vse of any of them, or to the vse of any of their sayde heires, all suche right, tytle, vse, possession, interest, reuersion, remainder, entrees, condition, fees, offices, rentes, annuities, commons, and all other commodities and hereditamentes, what so euer they or anye of theim might, coulde, or ought to haue hadde, if this acte hadde neuer bene had ne made. And fourthely for as muche as these forsayde moste abhominable and detestable highe treasons haue so muche touched the perill of your moste royall personne, the daunger and trouble of this your whole realme, and in respecte thereof it were requisite that condigne punishement should be had and spedely prouided for the reste of theim, which yet haue not suffered, and not to be delayed nor protracted, to thende or prorogation of this present parliament, whiche is most chiefly called and summoned for other generall causes and matters for the wealth of this realme. Therfore your moste humble and obedient subiectes, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and cõmons in this present parliament assembled, most hũbly beseech your most royal maiestie, that when they, with one assent be agreed & accorded vpon this act, for that it should not be requisite to trouble your maiestie for accesse in your moste royall person to the vpper house, to assent to the same, nor conuenient that your maiesties royal assent should be protracted, to the ende or prorogation of this parliament, that thẽ it may please your maiestie, for example of spedy punishement of suche detestable and abhominable treasons, to graunt your moste royal assent to the said act by your letters patentes to be signed with your most gracious hãd and to be put vnder your great seale of England, and so to be notified and published in the higher house to the Lordes spirituall and temporall, & your cõmons of this parliamẽt there to be assembled for that purpose, and after that to be and stande as a perfect acte, and to be put in due execution accordingly with cõuenient spede. And fiftly wher also Agnes Duches of Nork. widow, and Katherine countesse of Rudgwater, wife of the right honorable Henry erle of Rudgewater, haue bene laufully truely & accoding to the lawes of this realme indited of misprision of high treason, for the conceling of the first detestable and abhominable treasons, and yet not arraigned nor attainted of the same, that they now may be by act of parliament conuicted and attainted of the same. And that seing the Lord William Howard, the lady Margaret Howarde his wife, Edwarde Walgraue, Katherine Tylney, Alice Restwold, Jone Bulmer, Anne Howard, Robart Dãport, Malin Tilnes, Margaret Bennet, and William Asheby, were & be of the sayde misprison of high treason already conuict & atteinted by the due course and order of the common lawes of this realme, as by the recordes thereof more plainely at large appeareth, that this their iuste conuiction and attaindour

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may also be approued by act of parliamēt: and that the said Agnes Duches of Nozf. Katherine countesse of Bzidgewater, lozd William Howard, lady Margaret Howarde, Edwarde Walgraue, Katherine Tilney, Alice Restwold, Jone Bulmer, Anne Howarde, Robert Dampozt, Walin Tilney, Margaret Bennet, & William Asheby, & euery of them shall loose & forfaite to your highnes all their goodes, cattalles, leases foz yeares, money, plate, iewels and dettes, and haue imprisonement of their bodies during their liues: and also that all their manours, meases, landes, tenementes, possessions and hereditamentes, shalbe seased, remayne, and continue into your maiesties handes during their naturall liues, if their titles and interestes so long endure. And that your highnes shalbe aunswered of the rentes, reuenues, issues, & profites therof, from the first daye of Octobze, in the. xxiii. yeare of your reigne, during their said liues, if their titles and interestes so long endure. Sauing to all and euery persone and persons and bodies politike, and to the heires successours and assignes of euerye of them, other than the said Agnes duches of Nozf. Katherine countesse of Bzidgewater, lozde William Howarde, lady Margaret Howarde, Edward Walgraue, Katherine Tilney, Alice Restwolde, Jone Bulmer, Anne Howard, Robert Dampozt, Walin Tilney, Margaret Bennet, and William Asheby, al such right title, vse, possession, interestes, fees, offices, rentes, annuites commōs and all other hereditamentes, commodities and profites, whatsoeuer they oz any of them mought, should, oz ought to haue had, in oz to the premisses, if this act had neuer ben had ne made.

¶ Therfoze be it enacted by the kinges maiestie, with the assent of the lozdes spiritual & tempozall, and the cōmons in this present parliament assembled, and by the authozitie of the same, that al thinges conteined by expresse wozdes in this their fozesaide petition, concerning oz touching treasons oz misprisions, oz depending vpon them, oz longing to them, shall stand in full fozce of an acte, accozding to their moste humble request and peticion, anye fozmer acte made to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ And ensuing the fozesaid peticion, concerning the kynges royall assente to be done and had by the kinges letters patentes, to be assigned with the kinges hand, and sealed with his great seale, as is afozesaid, and to auoyde all doubtes and ambiguities hereaftet touching the same: be it declared by authozitie of this present parliament, that the kynges royall assent, by his letters patentes vnder his great seale, and assigned with his hand, and declared and notified in his absence to the lozdes spirituall and tempozall, and to the commons assembled together in the highe house, is and euer was of as good strength and foze, as though the kinges persone had bene there personally present, and had assent openly and publikely to the same.

¶ And be it also enacted that this royall assent and al other royal assentes hereafter to be so geuen by the kynges of this realme, and notified as is afozesaide, shalbe taken and reputed good and effectuall to all ententes and purposes without doubte oz ambiguitie, any custome oz vse to the contrary

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¶ And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that all and euery person or persons, which haue not only by their wordes spoken vttered and published, but also in their deedes done deuised and set foorthe by writinges all that they coulde for bringing this highe treason of the saide Queene and her complices to light, and also to seke and serche all due meanes for condigne punishment to be had for these horrible and detestable treasons, misprisions and offences afore rehersed, or otherwyse haue spoken detested and abhorred her saide abhominable offences, shalbe clerely pardoned acquited and discharged for the same against the kinges highnes, his heires and successours for euer.

¶ And although it were not conuenient, that suche a fredome and libertie were geuen to subiectes, without good ground, they might secretly murmur, sedicious slaunder openly defame their Queene and maistres: so also were it vnmete and dangerous to the suretie of our soueraigne Lorde and king (being a iuste cause) to be constrained by any lawe, to kepe it and conceale it from him or some of his counsaile, which of dutie bothe shoulde and ought shortly after to notice the same vnto him: therfore be it enacted by the kinges maiestie, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, & the commons in this present parliament assembled, that it shalbe lefull for any of the kinges subiectes and lieges, if they them selues perfectly knowe, or by vehement presumption may and do perceiue any wil, acte, or condition of lightnes of body in hir, which for the time being shall be Queene of this realme, that they may lawfully disclose the same vnto his maiestie, or some of his counsaile, which they thinke will disclose the same vnto his highnes, any acte statute or lawe made to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ Prouided neuertheles that they shall not openly blow it abrode, nor priuately whisper it in other folkes eares, whereby a sclaunder might rise of her till it be diuulged by the assent of his highnes or his counsaile.

¶ And it is further enacted that if any of the saide counsaile being within the realme, doe conceale it, and not disclose it vnto his maiestie, or some of his counsaile, resiant or attendaunt in that tyme on his royall persone, by worde or writing, within .xx. daies after any of them shall heare of it, and if they be out of the realme, with as conuenient spede and diligence as they may: that than they to haue like punishment & forfaiture, as the offendours shoulde. And in case the saide counsaile or any of them doe heare or perceiue any suche thinge as afore is rehersed, that than it shalbe lefull for them all or any of them, after notice therof geuen to the kinges maiestie, to imagine seke and proue alwaies to their wittes possible, to bring the matter and offence to true knowledge and light, and they so doing to incurre no daunger of lawe or penaltie, any acte or statute made heretofore to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ And furthermore be it enacted, for euitting of suche like hainous and abhominable treasons, in case it fortune either the king our soueraigne Lorde

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that now is, or any of his successours hereafter being kinges of Englande, should take a fancie to any woman, of what estate degree or condition so euer she bee, either subiect or resiant within his dominions or realmes, in waye of mariage, thinking and esteming her a pure and cleane maide, whā in dede the prose may or after shall appeare contrarie, either by due testimonie confession of the partie or parties, and yet she neuertheless willingly do couple her selfe with her soueraigne Lorde and king in mariage, without plain declaration before of her vnchast life vnto his maiestie: that than euerie such offence shalbe demed and adiudged high treason, and the offendour therin conuicte by the order of the lawe, shall haue and suffer such paines of death losses and forfaitures of landes, tenementes, goodes, cattels and dettes, as in cases of high treason.

¶ And be it also enacted by authoritie aforesaid, that if any person, subiect or restaunt within the realme, or in any the kinges dominions, bearing say by honest reporte, or hauing perfect knowledge, that suche a woman being not chaste, shall marie with her soueraigne lorde and king of this realme, to the daunger of his most roiall person, and of his succession, & doe not reuele and shewe the same offence to the king for the time being, or to one of his priuie counsayle, before suche mariage be had, if possibly and conueniently he may, or els within .xx. dayes next after that he shall haue certaine knowledge of suche mariage: that then euery such offence shal be taken & deemed misprision of highe treason, and the offendours conuict thereof by the order of the lawe, shall haue such paines and suffer such losses and forfaitures, as in cases of misprision of highe treason.

¶ And be it also enacted by authoritie aforesaid, that if the Queene or wife of the prince moue procure or stirre any persone by any writing message wordes or tokens or otherwise for that purpose, to vse or to haue carnall knowledge with them: or if any person do moue, procure, or make meanes to the Queene, or the wife of the prince, to vse or haue carnall knowledge of them or any of them: that then as well the Queene and the wife of the prince so procuring or carnally knowen, as euery other persone procuring, as is aforesaid, or carnally knowing the Queene, or the wife of the prince, and their aydours counsailours and abettours, and euery of them, shall bee deemed and adiudged highe traitours, and being conuict of such offences, shall haue and suffre such iudgement paines of death and forfaitures of landes, goodes, cattals, and dettes, as in cases of high treason.

## ¶ An acte concerning the order of wardes and liueries. Cap. xxii.

WHere in the parliament holden at westminster the. xxvii. daye of Aprill, in the .xxxi. yeare of the reigne of our soueraigne Lorde king Henrie the eight, by the grace of God kyng of Englande, Fraunce, and Irelande, defendour of the faith, and of the church of Englande, and also of Irelande, in earthe the supreme head, and from thence

thens adiourned to Weſtm. aforeſaide, by diuers prorogations, vntill the xxv. daye of May, in the. xxxii. yeare of the raigne of our ſaide ſouereigne lorde, and then & there holden, amonges other thinges the kinges graces courte, called the courte of the kinges wardes, was then & there by authoritie of the ſaid parliament eſtabliſhed made and authoriſed into a court of recorde, as by an acte therof made in the ſaide parliament more plainely appereth. To the which court it ſemeth to the kinges maieſtie to be neceſſary and very expedient to haue the liueries, whiche ſhalbe ſued within this his realme and other his dominions, incorporated and vnited, and alſo all indentures, cedules, bondes & writinges to be made in for and vpon liueries to be regeſtred and enrolled in the ſaide courte, being a courte of recorde, to thintent that ſuche indentures, cedules, bondes, & writinges may be there ſurely and certainly knowen ſerched and vſed, as well for the king as the partie, as caſe ſhall require. In conſideration whereof, and for that it ſhall not onely be honorable and commodious to the kinges maieſtie, to haue all the procedinges of the ſaide liueries to be of recorde, but alſo greately to the comforte and profite of his graces ſubiectes, that ſhall make any ſearche for the ſame for his or their commodities. The kinges highnes is therefore pleaſed and contented, that it be enacted by authoritie of this preſent parliamēt, that the office of the maiſter or maiſters of the liueries, with the circumſtaunces thereof, ſhalbe vnited annered and kepte vnto the ſayde courte of the kinges wardes: And that the authoritie & office to compounde for any liueries, with the procedinges therein ſhalbe from hencefoorth in the rule power and gouernaunce of the ſaid courte in maner and forme hereafter declared, any lawe cuſtome patent grant or vſage heretofore had or vſed to ỹ contrary notwithſtanding. And that the maiſter of the kinges wardes for the time being, whiche is the chiefe and principall head officer of the ſame court, ſhall from hencefoorth for euer be maiſter of the kings wardes and of the liueries, and that all other officers and miniſters appointed, or hereafter to be appointed in the ſame court of the kinges wardes, by authoritie of the ſtatute made of the erection of the ſame courte, ſhalbe called officers and miniſters of the kinges courte of his wardes and liueries.

¶ And be it alſo enacted by authoritie aforeſayde, that the kynges ſayde highnes, his heires and ſucceſſours from time to time, ſhal make name and appointe one officer and miniſter of and in the ſaid court, whiche ſhalbe called the ſurueyour of the kinges liueries, and ſhalbe the ſecond perſon of the ſame court. And that the attourney of the kings wardes for the time being which by the ſaid former acte of the ſaid court of the kinges wardes, was appointed to be the ſeconde perſon of the ſaide courte, ſhal from hencefoorth for euer ſtande and bee the thirde perſone of the ſayde court of the kynges wardes and liueries. And all other officers and miniſters of the ſaide court to be placed as is limitted in the ſame former acte.

¶ And further be it enacted by authoritie aforeſayde, that the kinges highnes, his heires and ſucceſſours, may from time to time, make name and appoint

point an apt person to be clerke of the sayde liueries, whiche shall make all indentures, cedules, obligations & writinges of bargaines hereafter to be made and graunted for any liueries, and that one parte of the saide indentures and cedules, or other writinges indented, necessary for the same, shall remaine with the partie or parties, and shalbe sealed with the seale of the saide maister of the wardes and liueries, & of the said surueiour of the said liueries. And that the same indentures obligations and the accomptes to be made vpon the same, and euerye of them from hencefoorth shalbe taken ordered and vsed, and also be of the same force, strengthe and effect, to all intentes and purposes, as the obligations indentures and accomptes be and ought to be by the said former acte. And that euery suche persone, which in forme aforesaid shalbe appointed to be surueiour of the saide liueries, shall take a corporall othe afore the said maister of the kynges wardes and liueries for the tyme being, after the tenour ensuing.

¶ Ye shall sweare that ye well and truely serue our soueraigne lord the king in the office of surueiour of his graces liueries, and shall minister equall iustice to riche and poore to the best of your power, witte and knowledge, & that you shall diligently procure al thinges which may honestly and iustly be to the kinges aduantage and profit, and to thaugmentation of the right and prerogatiue of his graces crowne, and from time to time deliuer with spede suche as shall haue to do afore you, and that you shall not take ne receiue of any persone or persones, any gifte or rewarde in any case or matter depending or to depende in the sayd courte of the kinges wardes, wherin the kinges highnes shalbe partie by reason whereof anye preiudice losse hinderance or disherison shal or may growe to the kings highnes his heires or successours so helpe you God and all sainctes.

¶ And be it also enacted by authoritie aforesaid, that the saide clarke of the said liueries shal take a corporall othe afore the saide maister of the wardes and liueries for the time being: after the tenour hereafter ensuing.

¶ Ye shall sweare that you shall well and truelye serue the king our soueraigne lorde in your office of clarke of the liueries, and truely do and execute without delay fraude or couin, al and euery thing and thinges, whiche you ought to do by reason of your said office, according to the forme and effecte of this present acte, so helpe you God and all sainctes.

¶ And that all liueries, whiche hereafter shall bee sued out of the kinges graces handes his heires and successours, and out of the handes of anye of them, of any castels, honours, manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, reuertions, remainders, or other hereditamentes, whatsoeuer they bee, shalbe in the order surueye and gouernance of the sayde courte of the kinges wardes and liueries and of the ministers of the same.

¶ And be it enacted by authoritie aforesayde, that no person or persons hauing landes or tenementes, aboue the yearely value of fiue poundes, shall haue or sue any liuerie before inquisition or office found before the erchetour or other commissioner or commissioners, by vertue of the kings writ or cō-

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miſſion to be directed out of the kinges chauncerie or other courtes hauing authoritie to make ſuch writtes or comiſſions for ſuing of liueries, whiche writtes or commiſſions ſhall not paſſe out of the Chauncerie or any other courtes, but by a warrant or bill to be aſſigned & ſubſcribed with the handes and names of the ſaid maiſter Surueiour, attourney and receiuour, or three, two, or one of thē, to be directed and deliuered to the Chauncellour of England, or to any other Chauncellour or officer, hauing power to awarde ſuch writtes. And if the landes and tenementes, wherof any inquiſition is to be had by vertue of any ſuch writte or cōmiſſion, excede the yerely value of v.li. that then ſuche as ſue for ſuche writtes or commiſſions, ſhall paye for the ſeale and wryting therof ſuch fees as hath been accuſtomed. And if the ſaide landes and tenementes, wherof any ſuch inquiſitions and offices is to be founde by vertue of any ſuche wrytte or commiſſion, excede not the ſaide yerely value of. v.li. then ſuche as ſhall ſue for ſuche writtes or commiſſions, ſhall pay for the ſeale of euerie of them. vi. d. and for the wrytinge vi.d. and not aboue.

¶ And it is alſo enacted by authoritie aforeſayde, that all inquiſitions and offices to be founde by vertue of any ſuche writtes or commiſſions, ſhalbee returned by the eſchetours or commiſſioners, to whom ſuch writtes or cōmiſſions ſhalbe directed into the ſaid Chaūcerie, or into ſuch other courtes from whence ſuche writtes or commiſſions were awarded, in ſuche maner and forme, and vpon ſuch paines as is limitted by the lawes and ſtatutes of the realme in ſuche caſes. And that the clarkes of the pettie bag ſhall receiue ſuche offices, and make a tranſcript thereof from time to time, to the ſaide maiſter of the wardes and liueries, in like maner and forme as they are bounden and haue bene accuſtomed to do into the kinges eſchequer and vpon ſuch paynes as be limitted and appointed by the lawes and ſtatutes of the realme in ſuche caſes.

¶ And it is alſo enacted by authoritie aforeſayd, that the ſaid maiſter of the wardes and liueries, and the ſurueiour attourney and generall receiuour of the ſayde courte, or three of them, whereof the ſaid maiſter or ſurueiour to be one, ſhall haue power and authoritie by vertue of this preſent acte, after ſuche offices and inquiſitions founde as is aforeſaid, to couenaunt and indent with euery perſone & perſons for his & their liuerie of the caſtels manours, lordſhippes, landes, tenementes & hereditamentes, compriſed or not compriſed in ſuche offices, and to make & ſet the rate and price for the ſame, and to appointe and ſtal the dayes of payment thereof by obligation or obligacions to be taken for the ſame to the king our ſoueraigne Lorde, whiche obligation and obligations ſo made and euery of them, ſhall be good and effectuall in the lawe, and ſhalbe of lyke authoritie and ſtrengthe as obligations to be taken by authoritie of the ſame court of the kinges wardes be of, by vertue of the ſaide former acte. And that all and ſinguler billes for any ſpeciall or generall liuery to be ſued, aſſigned by the handes of the ſayde maiſter Surueiour attourney receiuour or three of them, whereof the ſaid

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maister or surueiour to be one, shal be a good & sufficient warrant as well to the Chauncellour of England, as to the Chauncellour of the Duchy of Lancaster, and to all other Chauncellours and officers, hauinge power to passe liueries vnder anye of the kinges seales, for the makinge out sealynge and deliuerie of anie liueries, accordinge to the tenour pur porte and effecte of such bylles, with other clauses of course necessarie for the same, any lawe or custome to the contrary hereof not withstandinge.

¶ Prouided alwaie and be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that the lorde priuie seale, the lorde greate chaumberlaine, that kinges cheife and principal secretaries, the maister of the Rolles, & the kinges clarkes of the signet & priuie seale, the clarkes of the pettie bagge, & al and euery other officer and officers, and clarkes in the Chauncerie or els where in anye other courtes, where suche liueries shall passe, shall haue and be paide all suche theyr fees, as hath bene accustomed: all whiche fees shall be receiued and paide by the handes of ỳ clarkes of the pettie bagge, if the liueries be sued in the chauncerie, or by other clarkes, by whose handes liueries shall be wrytten in other courtes any thinge in thys acte to the contrary therof not withstandyng.

¶ And it is further enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that euery person and persons from henceforth may sue at their pleasure a generall leuerie for any manours, lãdes, tenementes, rentes, reuertions, remainders, or other hereditamentes, wherof the clere yerely value shall not excede .xx.li. after office therof by wrỳt or commission founde returned & certified as is aforesayde.

¶ Prouided alwaies that no such liuerie shal passe or be sued without a bil or warrant to be firste obteined for the same from the saide maister of the wardes and liueries, and the saide surueiour attourney and generall receiuour or three of them, and signed and subscribed with the names and handes of the sayd maister surueyour attourney and generall receiuour or three of them, as is aforesayde.

¶ And it is ordeined and enacted by auctho̅itie aforesaide, that yf the manours, landes, tenementes or hereditamentes, whereof a generall liuerie may be sued by auctoritte of this acte, excede the clere yerely value of v.li. ỳ then such as shall sue and haue such generall liuerie for any manours, landes tenementes, or hereditamentes, exceding the clere yerely value of v.li. shall paye for the seale thereof xx. s.iiii.d. and all other suche fees as heretofore in such cases hath bene accustomed in and vpon the suing of any generall liueries. And if the landes, tenementes & hereditamentes, wherof anye suche generall liuerie shall be sued, excede not the clere yerely value of.v.li. that then euery person and persons, suinge for any generall liuerye for anye landes, tenementes, rentes, reuertiõs, remainders or other hereditamentes not excedyng the clere yerely value of.v.li. shall paye suche fees as hereafter folowe̅th and none other: That is to say, for the seale of euery suche liuerye xii d. and to the clarkes of the pettie bagge for the wrytinge and enrollynge therof .xx.d. and for the respite of homage in the hanaper .viii.d. and to the lorde greate Chaumberlaine .xx.d. and to the mayster of the Rolles .xx.d.

And to the clarke of the liueries for the warrant and enrollinge of the liuery.xx.d.

¶And be it also enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that no person or persons shal paie in the kinges Eschequier or any other courtes for the respite of homage, of or for any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes, whereof the clere yerely value exceedeth not.v.li. aboue.viii.d. And for the entringe therof and warrant of atourney aboue. iiii. d. And that the value of suche manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes not exceding the yerely value of.xx.li. shall be taken as it is limitted in the offices founden thereof. excepte by the examinacion & certificate of the saide maister of the wardes and liueries, & the saide surueiour attourney and generall receiuour or three of them as is aforesaide, it shall otherwise appere and be declared in any of the kinges courtes.

¶And be it also enacted by auctho̅ritie aforesaide, that all & euery suche person and persons, whiche shall be named and certified in the kinges chauncery by the lord Treasorer of England, to be Eschetour shal within one moneth nexte after his letters patentes shall be offered vnto him, take vpon him the execution of the same office, or els appere in the said Eschequer, & shew a reasonable cause why he ought not so to do. and if any such per̅son so named and certified to be Eschetour, do not appere as is aforesaid, within one moneth next after notice to him giuen as is aforesaid, nor shew any reasonable cause why he ought not to do the same: that then he shall lose and forfayte for euery suche defaulte, xx.li. to the king our soueraigne lorde to be leued to his maiesties vse in any his highnes courtes of recorde.

¶And be it also enacted by auctho̅ritie aforesaide, that no Eschetour after the first daye of maie nexte comming, shal sitte onely by vertue of his office for inquirie of the tenure title or value of any landes tenementes or hereditamentes, where the same lā̅des tenementes or hereditamentes bene of the value of.v.li. by the yere or aboue, and holden of the king, without the kinges writ to be directed to him for the same, vpon peine to lose and forfaite for euery time that he shall sit and make inquiry contrary to the fourme of this estatute.v.li. Nor that no Eschetour shall take for the findinge of anye office of any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes, that shall not excede the cleare yearely value of.v.li. aboue the summe of.xv.s. That is to saie for the eschetours fee.vi.s.viii.d. and for the wrytinge of the office.iii.s. iiii.d. and for the charges of the iury. iii.s. and for the officers and mynisters that shall receiue the said office in any courte of recorde.ii.s vpō peine that euerye Eschetour offendinge this acte shall lose and forfaite for euerye time so offending.v.li. and that the officers and ministers of euery court of Record, where such inquisicions shal be returned, beynge offered vnto them within one moneth nexte after the finding therof, shall receiue and take the same, vpon peine to lose and forfaite for euery time offendinge this acte.v.li. The one moitie of all whiche forfaiture aforesaide shall be to the kynge our souerain lord, & the other moitie therof to the parti that wil sue for the same

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in any of the kinges courtes of recorde, in whiche suite the defendant shall not wage his lawe, nor any protection or essoine shalbe allowed.

¶ And it is also enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that if the saide surveyour of the lineries, or the clarke of the same, do willingly withdraw or conceale any recorde or profitte, that shall come or growe to the kinges maiestie hys heires or successours, by reason of the same: that then he or they so offending shall loose to the kinge our soueraigne lorde his heires and successours the double value of the thing so conceled or withdrawen, the same to be leuyed and recouered against such persons so offending vpon an information therof to be made by the partie greued. And the same duely proued in the same courte of the wardes and lineries.

¶ And also be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that the saide maister for the time being shall haue power and auctoritie to take recognisaunces of all and euery person and personnes, that shall be called into the courte of the wardes and lineries, to answere to any matter alleged against them in the saide court, to make their dayly appearance in the saide court to answer to such matter as to them then and there from time to time shalbe alleged. And that all such recognisaunces, of what summe so euer they be, shalbe as good and effectuall in the lawe to al intentes and purposes, as recognisaunces taken in the kinges highe courte of chauncerie or els where before anye iudge of recorde within this realme. And that the sayde mayster for the time being, with the advice of the courte, or of such number of the same as then shall be present, so that they be two beside the said maister, shal haue full power and auctoritie to moderate such recognisances as be or shalbe there forfaited, and to set fines for the same to the kinges vse, vnder the summes conteined in the saide recognisaunces: The same fines to be leuied by lyke proces of Scire facias, as by the statute made in the .xxvii. yere of our soueraigne lorde the kinges raigne is geuen to the chauncellour of the court of augmentacion of the reuenewes of his graces crowne. And that the said maister for the time being, with the advice aforesaid, shall haue power and auctoritie to commit to warde any perso or persons for his or their disobedience contempt or other offence made or to be made, triable within the kinges saide courte of the wardes and lineries, and vpon the said matters ordered or decreed there, to deliuer them from prison, and to cancell and make voyde all recognisaunces and obligations taken or hereafter to be taken in the same courte to the kinges vse, when and as often as the said mayster, with the advice of the said courte or three of them, shall se and perceiue the matters and causes, for the whiche any suche recognisaunce or obligacyon hath or hereafter shall happen to be taken, to be finished and ended, and the kinges grace his heires or successours, or the partie therupon satisfied, wyth out any other warrant for the same.

¶ And be it further enacted that all and euery such heire and heires which hereafter shall be in case to sue liuerie, where the landes and tenementes of the said heire or heires excede not the yerely value of v.li. that then euery

ſuch heyre ſhal laufully ſue forth hys generall liuery by warrant to be made and had from the ſayd courte of the kynges wardes and lyueryes, as afore-ſayd, although there be none other inquyſycion or inquyſicions therof then had bene certyfyed, & that thys acte ſhall warrant ſufficyent as well to the Chauncellour of England, Chaūcellour of the duchy of Lancaſter, and to all other chauncellours and offycers of the kynges courtes, hauyng power to paſſe lyueryes vnder any the kynges ſeales, for the makyng out, ſealyng, and deliuerie of any liueryes accordyng to the tenour purporte & effecte of ſuch bylles, wyth other clauſes of courſe neceſſary for the ſame, takyng for the fees of euerye ſuche lyuery, as is afore expreſſed for the fees of generall lyueries, not excedyng the yerely value of .v.li. as though the ſame lyuerye were made and ſued forth vpon an offyce founde by vertue of the kynges writ, anye law heretofore made or other thynge in thys preſent act to the contrary not withſtandinge.

¶ And be it alſo enacted by the auctorītie aforeſayd, that all and euery perſon and perſons, to whom the kynges hyghnes ſhall graunt any lyuery in fourme aforeſaid, to be ſued vpon hys byll aſſigned therof wyth the kynges moſt gracious hand, or with the handes of the offycers of hys graces court of the wardes & liueries, as before is expreſſed, ſue forth his patent wythin three monethes nexte after the aſſignement of the ſaide bill, or els the ſame byll and theffect therof to be vtterly voyde and of none effect.

¶ Prouided alwayes and be it enacted by aucthorītie aforeſayde, that the clerkes of the petie bag in the chauncery ſhall not be compelled to certifie any tranſcript of any office into the kinges Eſtchequer but twiſe in the yere, that is to ſay: They ſhall certifie the tranſcriptes of all officers founden and returned into the chauncery betwene Eaſter and ſaincte Michael the archaungell yerely in the terme of ſainct Michaell: And the tranſcriptes of al offices founden and returned into the ſayd chaūcery betwene Myghelmas and Eaſter, they ſhall certifie into the ſaid Eſtchequer yerely in the terme of Eaſter, & not otherwiſe, any thing conteined in this ſtatute, or in any other ſtatute heretofore made to the contrary therof not withſtandinge.

¶ Prouided alwaies, that this acte nor any thinge therin conteyned, ſhall in anye wiſe extende to be preiudiciall or hurtefull to anye royalties liberties franchiſes priuileges, preeminences, and iuriſdictions, of the county Palantine & duchy of Lancaſter, or of any of them. but that the ſame roialties, liberties, franchiſes, priuileges, preeminences, & iuriſdictions, and euerye of them, ſhall ſtill continue and remaine to the countie Palantine and Duchy of Lancaſter, as fullye plenarly and holy as they did before the makyng of this acte any thing in the ſame acte conteined to the contrary not withſtandinge.

An act

## An acte to procede by a commission of Oyer and determiner agaynste suche persons as shall confesse treason. &c. without remaunding the same to be tryed in ỳ shyre where ỳ offence was committed. Cap. xxiii.

FOr as much as diuers and sundrye personnes vpon greate groundes of vehemente suspicyons, as well of high treason pety treason and mysprysions of treason, as of murders, be many tymes sente for from diuers the shyres and places of this realme, and other the kinges dominions, to the kinges maiesties great charges and expẽces, to be examined before the kinges highnes counsel vpon their offences, to thintent that conuiction or declaracion of such personnes should spedely ensue, as the merites of theyr cases shoulde require. And albeit that after great trauaile takẽ in the examinacions of such persons it appere to the said councell by confession witnes or vehemente suspecte, that suche persons be rather giltie of suche offences, whereof they be so examined, then otherwise: yet neuertheles suche offendours so examined by the course of the common lawe of thys realme, must be indited within the shyres or places where they committed their offences, and also tried by the inhabitantes or freholders of suchẽ shyres and places, although by theyr cõfessiõs or sufficient witnes theyr offences be certainly knowen to the kinges councell: by reason wherof, beside the trauaile and peynes of the kinges maiesties councel in such cases, the kinges highnes is oftentimes put to greate charges and expences in remaundynge suche persons to the countries where they offended, there to be indited and tryed of theyr offences. And somtimethe inhabitauntes & freholders of the shyres or places, where such offences were done, be compelled to appere out of the shyres and places for suche causes, to theyr great charges, for the tryall or declaracion of suche offences: And sometime by occasion of the charges for remaundyng of such offendours to be indited and tryed by the course of the common law, such offendours lye styll in prison and be forgotten, wherby many times by helpe of theyr confederates they escape vnpunished, to the greate courage and examples of euill doers. Be it therfore enacted by the king our soueraygne lorde, and by the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons of this present parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that yf any person or persons, beyng examined before the kinges councell or three of them, vpon any maner of treasons mispryssions of treasons or murders, do confesse any such offences, or that the sayd councell or three of them, vpon suche examinacion, shall thinke any person so examined, to be vehemently suspected of anye treason mispryssions of treasons or murder: that than in euery such case by the kinges commaundement, his maiesties commission of oyer & determiner vnder his highnes great seale shalbe made by the Chauncellour of Englande to suche personnes, and into suche shyres or places, as shal be named & appointed by the kinges highnes

for the spedy triall conuiction or deliueraunce of suche offendours, whiche commissioners shall haue power and authoritie to enquire here & determine all suche treasons misprisions of treasons and murders, within the shyres and places limitted by their commission by suche good and laufull persones as shalde retourned before them by the shyriffe or his minister, or any other hauinge power to retourne writes and proces for that purpose, in what soeuer other shyre or place within the kinges dominions or without, suche offences of treasons, misprisions of treasons, or murders so examined, were done or committed, and that in suche cases no chalenge for the shire or hundrede shalbe allowed.

¶ Prouided that vpon the triall of suche treasons misprisions of treasons and murders, the chalenge to anye iurer for lacke of freholde of the yearely value of xl.s. shall be allowed as hath bene accustomed.

¶ Prouided also that if any the peeres of the realme shall happen to be endited of any of the offences aforesaid by vertue of any such commission to be grãted by authoritie of this acte, yet neuertheles they shal haue their triall by peeres in like maner and fourme as heretofore hath ben vsed, any thing in this acte conteined, or any thing to be done by vertue therof in any wise not withstandinge. And it is ordeined and enacted by auctorite aforesaide, that peremptory chalenge shall not from henceforth be admitted or allowed in any cases of high treason nor misprision of hygh treason.

## ¶ An act that no man shalbe Iustice of Assise in his owne countrie. Cap xxiiii.

Where in the parliament holden in the .viii. yeare of kynge Richard the second it was enacted ordeined & establisshed, that no man learned in ỳ lawes of this realm, should from thẽceforth be iustice of assise in the countrey where he dwelleth: And that the chief iustice of the commõ place should be from thẽceforth assigned amõg other iustices to the taking of the said assises, but as the chiefe iustice of the kinges benche there should be done & vsed, as hath bene vsed for the most part by the space of one hundred yeres next before as by the said act more at large it doth & may appere Sins the makinge of which said good act & lawe diuers iustices and men learned in the lawes of this realm, haue by their owne meanes industry & policy, & for their owne cõmoditie and case, obteined contrary to the forme of the said act, to be iustices of assises in the coũtreis & counties where thei were borne, or were inhabiting, wherby some gelosy of their affection & fauour towarde their kinsemen alliance & freindes within the said countreis or counties, where they were so borne or inhabiting, hath ben conceiued & had against them by the kinges most louing subiectes of the same coũtreis and counties. For reformacion wherof, the kinges moste louinge subiectes, and the commõs in this present parliament assembled, most humbly beseech

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and desire the kinges maiesti, and that it be enacted by the kynges maiestie, withe the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assẽbled, and by auctoritie of the same, that no iustice nor other man learned in the lawes of this realme, shal at any time frõ or after the feast of Easter nert cõming, vse nor exercise the office of iustice of assise within any countie where the sayd iustice was borne or doth inhabite vpon peyne to forfayt for euery offence done contrary to the fourme of this present act one hundred pounds, the moitie wherof to be to our soueraigne lorde the king, and the other moitie therof to the partie that will sue for the same in any of the kinges courtes, by bill plaint informacion action of det, or otherwise, in the whiche suite no protection, essoine, nor wager of lawe shalbe admitted or allowed.

¶ Prouided alway & be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that this act or any thinge herein conteined shall not extende be construed or interpretated to touche or concerne any person or persons, þ now are or hereafter shalbe clarke or clarkes of assises, & shalbe associate to any Iustice of assyse, of or in any county, citie, or towne within this realme of Englande wherein the same person or persons clarke or clarkes so associate, doe dwell or were borne, but þ al and euery clarke & clarkes of assises, which now doe exercise or occupie, or hereafter shall exercise or occuppe any office of clarkeshyp of assises, shall & may exercise & occupy the same in any county, citie, or towne wherin the same clarke or clarkes of assises do dwell, or were borne, any thyng in thys act conteined to the contrary not wythstandynge.

¶ Prouided also that these termes, iustices of assises, or other persons lerned in the lawes of the realme, shall not extende or in any wise be interpretate to any mayres, shyryffes, recorders, stewardes, baylyffes, sewters or other officers beyng borne or dwellinge wythin any citye borough or towne within this realme of Englande, but that they may be iustices of assises of freshe force or of other assises in the same citie, boroughe or towne where he or they doe or shall dwel, or were borne, as they or anye of them before thys tyme haue or myght haue bene to al ententes and purposes, any thynge in thys act conteined to the contrary not wythstandinge.

¶ Prouided alwayes, that this acte nor any thyng therin conteined, shalbe preiudiciall to anye iustyce or iustices of the one benche or the other, for taking hearyng or determining assises in the said courtes in the one benche or the other, nor to anye iustice that shall take any assise by or vpon adiournement for difficultye of the same.

¶ Prouided alway and be it enacted that any clarke of assyse, duringe the onely tyme of the session, of or for anye assise or assises, or of or for any Nisi prius, shal not be of counsell wyth any persõ or persons within any circute wherof he shalbe clarke of assise, otherwise than to that office onely appertei neth, vpon paine to forfaite for euery time offendinge contrarye to thys estatute .x.li. the one moytie therof to be to the kinge our soueraigne lorde, and the other moitie to þ partie greeued, to be sued in any of þ kinges courtes

tes of recoꝛde by action of dette, bill, plainte, infoꝛmacion, oꝛ otherwise, in which suite no essoine pꝛotection, wager of lawe oꝛ other delatoꝛie plea shal be admitted oꝛ allowed.

¶ Pꝛouided also and be it enacted by the auctho̅ꝛitie abouesaide, that thys acte oꝛ anye thinge therin conteined, ertende not to the iustices, iustice clarke oꝛ clarkes of assises, within our soueraigne loꝛde the kynges duchy and countie Palantine of Lancaster, noꝛ to any of them that now be oꝛ hereafter shalbe, but that the same iustices, iustice clarkes, and clarke, and euerye of them, shal and may execute their offices and euery of the̅, in suche maner and fourme as they oꝛ any of them haue vsed to doe beꝛoꝛe the makynge of this pꝛesent acte, thys acte oꝛ anye thyng therin conteyned to the contrarye therof not wythstandynge.

## ¶ An acte foꝛ the making free certain childꝛen boꝛne beyonde the sea, and to put the same childꝛen in the nature of mere englyshmen. Cap. xxv.

Where Thomas Poyntz of London grocer, occupieng the feate of marchādise in the parties beyonde the sea, maryed there a woman of that co̅ntrey boꝛne, & had by her in lawful matrimony diuers childꝛen yet liuing, whyche intende by gods grace to be the kinges faithfull & obedient subiectes: where also William Castelin of Londō mercer, occupieng in the partes of Leuant, wythin the citie of Chyo in greeya, tooke to his wife one Angleta, doughter of Michael Villacho of the same citie, and had by her in lawful matrimony a sonne called Edward yet lyuyng, which likewise entendeth by gods grace to be the kinges faithful & obedient subiect, And where also John Dimocke, late on of the gentlemen vshers of the kinges moste honoꝛable chāber, was in the parties beyonde the sea, that is to wit in Andwarpe in the county of Brabande, about the kynges affaires & there tooke to his wyfe Beatrice, daughter of one John van Clene & had by her in lawful matrimony a son called John Dimocke yet liuing, whych intendeth (god willynge) to be the kynges faythfull and obedient subiecte: Wherfoꝛe be it enacted and established by the kinges highnes, with the assent of the loꝛdes spirytuall and tempoꝛall, and the commons in this pꝛesent parliament assembled, and by the auctho̅ꝛitie of the same, that as well the sayde John Dimocke, the sonne of John Dimocke, and Edwarde Castelin, as all the sayd childꝛen of the sayde Thomas Poyntz nowe boꝛne and euerye of them, shall be from hencefoꝛthe reputed and taken the kinges naturall subiectes, as lawfull persones boꝛne within this realme of Englande and as free persons, to all intentes constructions and purposes, as yf they and euery of them had bene boꝛne within this realme of England, and also shall from hencefoꝛth by the saide auctho̅ꝛitie, be inable and adiudged able to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, as well to demaunde chal-

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lenge haue and enioy landes, tenementes and hereditamentes, as heyre or heires to any of his or their auncestours, by reason only of any diſcēt ryght or tytle, which after the fyrſt daye of thys parliament ſhall diſcende accrue come or growe vnto them or to any of them, and to haue and enioy landes tenementes, and hereditamentes by way of purchaſe or gyft of any perſon or perſonnes, as alſo for to perſecute and defende all maner of actions and ſutes, and all other lawfull thinges what ſoeuer to do as liberally, frankely, lawfully, ſurely and freely, as if they and euery of them had bene naturally borne within thys realme of Englande, and as anye other perſon or perſons naturally borne within thys realme of England may lawfully doe any law, acte, ſtatute, cuſtome, ordinance or other thynge what ſo euer had made, done, ordeined, proclaimed or prouided to the contrary hereof in any wiſe not withſtanding.

## ¶An acte to make fruſtrate certaine conueiances, deuiſed by ſyr John Shelton. Cap. xxvi.

Where ſyr John Shelton knighte deceaſed, beynge a man of greate poſſeſſyons in hys life tyme, by the aduiſe of ſiniſter counſel practiſed, deuiſed & made by couaine dyuers craftye dedes, eſtates, & other conueiances in the lawe, aſwell vnto him ſelfe as to other perſons, of and in his manours landes, tenementes and heredytamentes, in the counties of Norf. & Suff. not only to thentent to diſceiue and exclude the kinges maieſtie of his primer ſeaſon prerogatiue wardſhip & rightes of & in the prempſſes, but alſo to the intent to diſceyue and exclude the nobles, and other the kynges louing ſubiectes of their wardſhip releifes and ſuch like ſeruice, as ſhoulde accrue, growe and come vnto them by reaſon of theyr tenures in ỳ premiſſes, that is to witte: the ſayd ſyr John Shelton, by his dede indented, bearynge date the fiftene daye of December, in the .xxxi. yeare of the reygne of our ſouereygne lorde kyng henry the .viii. dyd infeoffe of and in dyuers of his manours, landes, tenementes and hereditamentes, in the ſaid counties of Norfolke and Suffolke, one John Wynnes, to haue vnto him and to his heyres vppon condition, that the ſame John Wynnes wythin fyfteene dayes then nexte enſuynge ſhould by hys dede indented gyue the ſame manours, landes, tenementes and hereditamentes to ỳ ſayde ſyr John Shelton, and his aſſygnes for terme of xxxxtie. yeres, then next folowinge wythout impechemēt of waſte, the remainder therof after the ſame terme ended to Raufe Shelton gentleman, ſonne and heyre apparant of John Shelton eſquier, ſon and heyre of the ſaid ſir John Shelton, and to the heyres males of the body of the ſayde Raufe Shelton gentleman lawfully begotten: and for defaulte of ſuche iſſue the remainder therof to the heyres, males, of the body of the ſaid ſyr John Shelton lawfully begotten, with diuers other remainders ouer, as by ỳ ſaide dede indented amonges other thinges there in con-

in cõteined moze plainly is shewed & may appere: and also the said sir John Shelton, by one other dede indented bearinge date the saide fiftene day of September, in the saide .xxxi. yeare of our saide soueraigne lorde the kinges reigne, did giue diuers other of his manours, landes, tenementes and hereditamentes to the saide John Winnes to haue vnto him and to his heyres vpon condicion, that ẏ said John Winnes within fiftene daies then nexte folowing should by his dede indented giue the same manours landes, tenementes & hereditamẽtes to dame Anne then wife of the said sir John Shelton for terme of her life, the remainder therof after the decease of the sayde syr John Shelton for terme of his life, without impechement of wast and after his decesse the remainder therof to the saide John Sheltõ esquire without impechement of waste, for terme of .lx. yeares (if he so longe liued) and after the same terme determined, the remainder therof to the sayde Raufe Shelton gentleman, and to the heires males of his body lawfully begottẽ and for defaulte of such issue the remainder therof to the heires males of the body of the sayde sir John Shelton lawfully begotten, with diuers other remainders ouer. And moze ouer the said sir John Shelton by the same hys dede endented did giue diuers other of his manours, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes in the said counties of Norfolke and Suffolke, to the saide John Winnes, to haue vnto him: and to his heires and assignes for euer vpon condicion that the same John Winnes, within .xb. dayes then nexte folowing, should by hys dede indented gyue the same manours landes tenementes & hereditamentes to the saide dame Anne for terme of .lxxxix. yeres, then nexte folowinge, and yf the sayde dame Anne shoulde fortune to dye within the same terme, thẽ the remainder therof to the sayde syr John Shelton hys executours & assygnes duryng the residue of the same terme and after the same terme ended, than the same premisses to remayne to the said Raufe Shelton gentleman, & to the heires males of hys body lawfully begotten, and for the defaulte of such issue the remaynder therof to ẏ heyres males of the body of the sayd syr John Shelton lawfully begotten, wyth diuers other remaynders ouer, as by the same dede indented amonges other thynges therin conteyned moze playnly is shewed and may appeare.

And as it appereth as well by wryting as otherwise, the sayd John Winnes after that by hys seueral dedes indented, bearing date in the sayde moneth of September, executed seueral estates of and in all and synguler the premisses, according to the sayd seuerall dedes of feoffement with condicyons therin conteyned. And moze ouer the sayd syr John after that declared hys laste will of and in the premysses for and to thintent aforesayd. All whiche matters after the death of the sayde syr John Shelton, beynge reuiued vnto the kinges most royall maiestie, was by his graces commaundement deliberately examined before the lordes of hys most honorable counsell, before whome vpon the examinacion therof it plainly appered, as wel by the confessions of the parties and deuisours of the same wrytinges and dedes, as otherwise, that the said dedes estates will & other cõueiances, made in ẏ

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like of the saide sir John Shelton, were deuised had and made by coueine, for & to thintēt aforesaid, by reason wherof the said John Shelton esquier sonne and heire of the saide sir John sheltō, beinge aboue the age of.xxi. yeres at the time of the death of his saide father, did sue a spectall liuerie out of the kinges maiesties handes, of & in all the saide manours, landes, tenementes & hereditamentes, as heire vnto the said sir John his father, as of recorde more plainly appereth. For the plaine declaracion of the auoidinge and adnichilatinge of the saide craftie and voide deedes, estates will & conueiaunces, deuised by fraude and couine as is aforesaide: Be it ordeined established and enacted by the auctoritie of this present parliament, that all and singuler the said dedes, estates, will, and other conueiāces had & made as is aforesaide and the possession and liuerie of season therupon made and deliuered accordingly, & also al and singuler giftes grauntes, remaynders, reuercions, articles, clauses and wordes in them and euery of them conteyned, be demed and adiudged clerely voide and of none effect, to all intentes constructions & purposes. And that the saide syr John Shelton, by the auctoritie of this present parliament, be demed, reputed, & adiudged in actual & real possession at the time of his death, of and in all & singuler the sayde manours, landes, tenemētes, & hereditamentes, of the same or like estate of inheritāce, as if no such bede or dedes, estates, will or other cōueiances had neuer bene had or made, & also of the same estate of enheritaunce, to all intentes, constructions, & purposes, as the same manours, landes, tenemētes & hereditamētes were in the said sir John shelton at or before the makinge of the said seuerall, dedes, estates, will, and other conueiances, the sayd dedes, estates, will, and conueiances or any of them, or any thinge in them or any of them conteined to the contrary in any wise not withstanding.

¶ Prouided alway & be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that this act or any thing therin cōteined, be not in any wise preiudiciall or hurtfull vnto the said dame Anne Shelton, for or concerninge any manours, landes, tenementes or hereditamentes assigned or appointed sithen the death of the said sir John vnto the same dame Anne onely for terme of her life, by reasō of a warde made by the highe and mightie prince Thomas duke of Norf. lorde Treasourer of England, or by any couenant bonde or agremēt had or made by the saide John Sheltō esquier sithen the death of ỳ saide sir John Sheltō, any thing in this act conteined to the contrarie not withstanding.

¶ An act for leases of hospitals, colleges, & other corporacions to be good and effectuall with the consent of the more partie. Cap. xxvii.

ALL be it that by the common lawes of this realme of Englād all assentes, elections, graūtes and leases, had made & graūted by the deane wardē prouost maister presidēt or other gouernour of any cathedrall church, hospital, college or other corporaciō, by what so euer name they be incorporate or foūded

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with the assente and consent of the more or greater parte of theyr chapiter felowes or brethern of suche corporacion, hauinge voices of assent therunto as good and effectuall in the lawe to the graūtes and lesses of the same, as yf the residue or the hole number of suche chapiter felowes and brethern of suche corporacion hauinge voices of assent, had therunto consented and agreed: yet the saide common lawes not withstandinge, diuers founders of suche deaneries, hospitals, colleges, & corporacions within thys sayde realme haue vpon the foundacion and establishment of the same deaneries hospitals, colleges, and other corporacions established and made amonges other theyr peculiar actes, locall statutes and ordinaunces, that yf any one of such corporacion hauing power or auctorite to assent or disassent, should & would denye any such graunt or grauntes, that then no such leale, election or graunt should be had graunted or leased, and for the performance of the same euerye person hauinge power of assent to the same, haue bene and be dayly therunto sworne, & so the residue may not procede to the perfectyon of such elections, grauntes, & leasses, accordinge to the course of the cōmon lawes of this realme, oneles they should incurre the dāger of periurie. For the auoidinge wherof and for the due execution of the common lawe vniuersally within this realme & euery place in one confirmitie of reason to be vsed: be it ordeined established and enacted by the auctorite of this present parliament, that all & euery peculiar acte, order rule and estatute heretofore made, or hereafter to be made by any founder or founders of any hospital colledge, deanerie, or other corporacion, at and vpon the foundacion of any suche hospital, colledge, deanerie, or corporacion, wherby the graunt, leale, gift, or election of the gouernour or ruler of such hospitall, colledge, deanerie, or other corporaciō, with the assent of the more parnof such of the same hospitall, colledge, deanerie or corporacion, as haue or shall haue voice of assente to the same, at the tyme of such graunt, leale, gift, or election hereafter to be made, should be in any wise hindered or let by any one or mo being the lesser number of such corporacion, contrarie to the fourme order and course of the common lawe of this realme of England, shalbe from henceforth clerely frustrate voyd and of none effect. And that al othes heretofore taken by ame person or persons of such hospital, colledge, deanerie & other corporacion, shalbe for and concerning the obseruance of any such order estatute or rule, demed, voyd & of none effect. And that from henceforth no maner person or persons of any such hospitall, colledge, deanerie or other corporacion, shalbe in any wise compelled to take any othe for the obseruing of any suche order estatute or rule, vpon the paine of euery person so giuinge such othe, to forfaite for euery time so offendinge .v. li. the one moitie therof to be to the vse of our soueraigne lorde the king, & the other moitie therof to any of ꝑ kynges subiectes, whiche will sue for the same, in any of the kinges courtes of recorde by action of det, bill, plaint, informacion or otherwise, wherin the defendaunt shall not be admitted to wage his lawe, nor any protection nor essoine, or any other delatorie plea admitted or alowed.

## ¶ An acte for the Chauncellour of the Duchy of Lancaster, the Chauncellour of the augmentations, and certaine other noble men to retayne Chapleines. Cap. xxviii.

WHere in the parliament holden at Westminster, in the xxi. yere of your most gratious raigne, it was amonges other thinges ordeined and prouided, that certain honorable persons and other of your highnes councellours & officers, as well spirituall as temporall, should & mought haue chapleins beneficed with cure, to serue and attend vpon them in their houses, whiche chapleines shall not incurre the daunger of anye penaltie or forfaiture made or declared in the same parliament, for none residence vpon their saide benefices, or for obteyning licences for dispensations of pluralities, in whiche acte is no prouision made for any the head officers of your graces seuerall courtes of your Duchy of Lancaster, the courtes of augmentacions of the reuenues of your highnes crowne, the first fruites and tenthes, the maister of your maiesties wardes and liueries, the generall surueiours of your graces landes, and other your graces courtes. In consideration wherof it may please your maiestie, that it may be enacted by your highnes, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliamēt assembled & by the authoritie of the same, that the chauncellour of the said courte of the Duchy of Lancaster, the chauncellour of your highnes court of augmentacions, the chaūcellour of your graces court of first fruites & tenthes, the maister of your highnes wardes & liueries, & euery of your graces generall surueiours of your highnes landes, the treasurer of your graces chaumber, the treasorer of your highnes court of augmentacions, and the grome of your graces stoole, & euery of them for the time being, shall & may retaine singulerly to euery of them in his house, or attendant vnto his person, one chaplein hauing one benefice with cure of soules, which may be absent from his said benefice, and not resident vpon the same, the said estatute made in the said xxi. yeare of your most gracious reigne, or any other estate acte or ordinance made to the contrary in any wyse not withstanding.

¶ Prouided alwaye and be it enacted by authoritie aforesayde, that euery of the sayde chapleines so being benefised as is aforesaide, and dwelling with any the officers afore named, shall personally repaire two times in euery yeare at the least to his saide benefice and cure, and there to tary & abyde by the space of. viii. dayes at euery such time at the leaste, to visite and instructe his saide cure, vpon the peine to forfeite for euery time so fayling xl. s. the one moytie thereof to the king our soueraigne Lorde, the other to suche as will sue for the same by action of dette byll plainte or information in any of the kinges courtes of recorde, in which suite no essoine protection or wager of lawe shalbe allowed.

## ¶ An act to enable persones late religious to sue and to be sued. Cap. xxix.

WHere in the parliamēt holden at Westminster, the xxviii day of Aprill, in the xxxi. yeare of the reigne of our soueraigne lord Henry the eight, by the grace of God king of England, Fraunce & Ireland, defendour of the faith, & of the church of England and also of Ireland in earth the supreme head: It was and is ordeined and enacted by authoritie of the saide parliament, that all & singuler suche religious persones, as well men as women professed, of what order rule or habite so euer they were, whiche then were or after that time should be put at their liberties from the daungier seruitude, and condicion of their religion and profession, whereunto they were professed, by reason of suppression dissoluing forfayture by attainder rendring or otherwyse geuinge to the handes of the kinges maiestie, their houses monasteries and possessions: should by authoritie of the sayde parliament, from and after the first daye of the same parliament, and from and after the tyme that they were or should be put at suche libertie, haue free libertie to purchase to theim and to their heyres, in fee simple, fee tayle, for terme of life for yeares or at wyll, manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, annuities, and other hereditaments, and thinges what so euer they were, in like maner and fourme as though they or any of them had neuer bene professed nor entred into any suche religion, and that the same religious persons and euery of them, by authoritie of the said act of parliament, should be able to sue & to be sued in all maner of actions plaintes & suites, what so euer they were of and for any matter or cause growen sithens & after the time of their seueral derainmētes or departing out of their religion, in all courtes places and iurisdictions within this realme of England, as other the kinges subiectes were, and that they and euery of them, should and might from that time vse & exercise, receiue, take, haue, and enioy all and euery lauful thing & thinges from thencefoorth to be growen fallen or happened vnto them or any of thē, after the said deraignemēt or departing out of their religion, in as large and ample maner forme and condicion, as if they had neuer bene professed nor entred in to religion, this same profession or religiō, or any law custome or vse within the said realme of Englande, to the contrary thereof in any wise not withstanding, as by the sayd act among other articles clauses and prouisions more plainly appereth. And for as much as diuers ambiguities & doubtes daily do arise, whether the saide act extend vnto suche late religious persones as were in diuers late religious houses and monasteries, which by the kinges highnes were immediatly transported and translated from their religion and olde corporation into a newe corporation, and neuer came and remayned in his gracious handes, neither by suppression, dissoluing, forfaiture by atteinder, ne suche like, according to the woordes of the saide former acte,

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In auoiding of whiche ſaid ambiguities and doubtes: Be it now ordeined and enacted by the king our ſoueraigne lorde, and the lordes ſpirituall and temporall, and the commons of this preſent parliament aſſembled, and by authoritie of the ſame, and that the ſaid acte of parliament aboue remẽbred, made in the ſaid .xxvi. yeare, ſhall extende as well to all ſuch perſones, which be liuing, that were religious perſones in any of the ſaide houſes, whiche were ſo tranſlated and tranſported from one corporation into an other, whiche at any tyme was profeſſed or were religious perſones, in any of the ſayde houſes within this realme of England, and that they & euery of them from the tyme of their ſayde ſeuerall deraignement and diſcharge of their ſaid profeſſions and religions, ſhall be in lyke qualitie eſtate condition and degree: and alſo ſhall take, haue, and enioy, like benefite, commoditie, profite and aduauntage, and with like prouiſo onely, and not otherwyſe, to euery intent and in euery thing, as any other religious perſone or perſones, may and ſhall haue, take, and enioye by vertue of the ſayd former acte aboue remembred, the ſame profeſſion or religion, or any cuſtome or vſe to the contrary thereof in any wyſe not withſtanding.

## ¶ An acte confirming the authoritie of the Deane and chapiter of Lichefield, in making leaſes and other grauntes. Cap. xxv.

Where before this tyme the chapiter vnto the ſee and byſhoprike of Couentrie and Lichefield, was the priour and couent of the late priory or monaſterie of our bleſſed Lady of Couentre, within the countie of the citie of Couentre. And the deane and Chapitre of the Cathedrall churche of Lichefielde, in the countie of Staffordſhire, by reaſon whereof all leaſes, grauntes, and eſtates, made in any the manours, landes, tenementes, hereditamentes, fees, offices, or any other thyng belonging or appertayning vnto the ſayde ſee and byſhoprike, or whereof the byſhop of the ſayde ſee of Couentrie and Lichefield, for the tyme being, was ſeaſed in the right of the ſayde byſhoprike, or going out of any of the ſaid manours, landes, tenements, or hereditamẽts, belonging vnto the ſame biſhoprike, which ſhould be good or of any effect in the lawe, to binde his ſucceſſours in ſucceſſion after the death of the ſaid biſhop of the ſaid biſhoprike for the time being grauntour, leſſour, or geuer of any the premiſſes, as is aforeſayde, ought to be made in writyng by the ſame byſhop for tyme being vnder his ſeale, and in his life time to be alſo by writing ſealed with the common ſeale of the priour and couent for the time being of the ſaide late priorie or monaſterie of Couentre, and alſo with the chapiter ſeale of the Deane and chapiter for the tyme being of Lichefielde, ratified and confirmed: which ſayde Priorie or Monaſterie of Couentre, diuers yeares nowe paſte, was laufully diſſolued, extincte, and determined, all bee it ſithen that tyme, dyuers and ſundrye giftes, grauntes, and leaſes, haue bene made in writing of and in parcel of the premiſſes, or going out of

the same, by the nowe bishop of the sayd bishoprike, and also confirmed in wryting by the deane & chapiter of Lichfield aforesaid, vnder their chapiter seale. And for asmuch as it is in doubt & question amonges dyuers persõs, whether the confirmation of the said deane & chapiter of Lichefielde is sufficient in the law, to make perfite and good suche giftes grauntes & leases, heretofore, sithen the dissolutiõ of the said late priorie, made or hereafter to be made in wryting by the byshop of the sayd see, or bishoprighe of Couentre & Lichfielde for the time being, of any manours landes tenementes hereditamentes or other thing belonging to the same byshoprike, or goyng out of the same, and ratified and confirmed also in wryting by the deane & chapiter of Lichefield aforesaid, should be good and effectual in the law, to bynde in succession the successours of the said nowe byshop, accordyng to the tenour purport and effect of the same giftes grauntes, leases and other writinges, so made by the sayd bishop, and confirmed by the sayd Deane and chapiter of Lichefielde, as is aforesayde: by occasion whereof, diuers of the kynges subiectes, as well fermours and lessees for terme of lyfe, lyfes and yeres, as other may be put to great verations, suites, troubles, and losse of their goodes, to their great empouerishment. In eschewing of which sayde ambiguities, questions, and doubtes, and of all suites verations and troubles, that might ensue by meanes thereof: Be it enacted, ordeined, and established by the kyng our soueraigne lorde, the lordes spirituall and temporal, and the cõmons in this present parliament assembled, and by the authoritie of the same, that al and singuler giftes grauntes, leases, & other writings, at any tyme sithen the dissolution of the said late priorie or monastery of Couentre made, or hereafter to be made by the bishop of Couentre & Lichfield for the time being, in wryting vnder his seale, of any manours, lãdes, tenementes, hereditaments, offices, fees, or any other thing belõging to the said byshoprike, or going out of any the same premisses, and ratified and confirmed by the deane and chapiter of Lichefielde for the tyme being in writing vnder their chapiter seale, shall be and stande good & effectuall in the lawe, to bynde in succession the successours of the sayde byshop, accordinge to the tenours purportes and effectes of the same giftes grauntes & leases, made and hereafter to be made in wryttinge by the sayde byshop of Couentre and Lichefielde for tyme being, and confirmed by the Deane and chapiter of Lichefielde as is aforesaide. And that by the same authoritie the deane and chapiter of Lichfielde aforesaid, & their successours for the time being, shall be from henceforth for euer accepted taken reputed and adiudged to be the full entier and sole see and chapiter of the sayde byshoprike of Couentre, and Lichefielde, and belonginge and appertaynninge vnto the same byshoprike, in name, nature, authoritie, and qualitie, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, as the sole chapiter of the same byshoprike: And shall haue full power and authoritie to ratifie and confirme in wryttinge vnder their chapiter seale, all and all maner giftes, grauntes, and leases, hereafter to bee made or graunted in wryttinge by anye byshoppe of the

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said bishoprike of Couentre and Lichfielde for the tyme beinge, vnder his seale, of any manours, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, belonging vnto the said byshoprike, or of any rentes, offices, or other yearely profites, out of the same manours, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, or anye parcell thereof, in as ample and large maner forme and condition, to all intentes constructions and purposes, as the deane & chapiter of sainct Paule in London for the tyme being, may laufully ratifie or confirme in writinge vnder their chapiter seale, any gifte graunt or lease made, or hereafter to be made in wryting by the byshoppe of London for the time being, vnder his seale of any landes, tenementes, offices, or other profites, belonging to his bishoprike of London.

¶ Prouided alwayes, that this act or any thing therein conteined, do not extende to binde any founder or geuer of any manours, landes, tenemēts, or hereditamentes of the said sea and bishoprike of Couentre & Lichfielde, or thereunto belonging, of for or concerning all suche actions and suites, as they or any of them may, should, or ought to haue by reason of any alienacion in fee simple or in fee tayle, hereafter to be made of anye the manours, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes of the saide bishoprike of Couentre and Lichefield, or of any part therof.

¶ Prouided also, that this act or any thing therin conteined, extend not to any copiholde landes of the same byshoprike, letten out by copy of court roll after custome and maner, but that the same copies, and the estate & estates of the copyholders therin, shall continue, remaine, and be of such strengthe and effect, as al other copiholders be accepted and taken by and in the law of this realme, and of no other strength or effect.

¶ Prouided also, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesaide, that this acte or any thinge therin conteined, be not in any wyse preiudiciall or hurtfull to the byshop of Chester for the tyme being, nor yet to the deane & chapiter of Chester, for or concerning any office or offices, belonging or apperteyning vnto the same byshoprike of Chester, or to the Deane, and chapiter of Chester aforesayde.

## ¶ An acte disseuering the byshoprike of Chester, and of the Ile of Man, from the iurisdiction of Canturbury, to the iurisdiction of Yorke. Cap. xxxi.

Vhere as the kinges highnes of his moste gracious goodnes, as well for the aduancement of Christes religion as for the better instruction of his subiectes in the lawes of God, hath by his letters patentes, bearing date the. xvi. daye of July, in the. xxxiii. yeare of his noble reigne, erected, foūded & established in the late monastery of sainct Werberge, in his citie of Chester, a cathedrall churche, or bishops sea, willing the same to bee named and called the bishoprike or bishops sea of Chester, & to the same hath

appointed limites and boundes of one perfect and entier diocese, ordeigned & willing þ same to be named & called the diocesse of Chester. And amongs other thinges hath appropried, vnited, and annexed to the sayde diocese of Chester, that archdeaconry of Richemount, and al the iurisdictions therof, whiche archdeaconry was late parcell of the diocese of yorke, and moreouer hath the same hole and entier dyocese of Chester, with al the limmites & boundes, and all thinges annexed appropried and vnited to the same, decreed ordeined and established to be of the prouince of the archbyshoppe of canturburye, and vnder the iurysdiction metropoliticall of the same, as in the same letters patentes doth more largely appeare. For as muche as hys sayd highnes graciously consydereth, that the sayde archbyshop of Canturbury hath a sufficent number of dioceses, and suffragans vnder him and in his prouince, and that the archebyshop of yorke hath wythin the realme of Englande onely two suffraganes, and moreouer, that if the sayde diocesse shoulde remaine vndar the sayde archebyshop of canturbury, that than all his highnes subiectes of all that diocesse of Chester, and so of the archedeaconry of Richemount, should be constrained for appelles to resort to the audience of Canturbury, whych thynge to many of the saide diocese, and specially to them of the archedeaconry of Richemount, should be by reason of long iourney of almoste. iii.C. myles from some places therof, intollerable fatagation and importable charges, and therfore tenderly, lyke a most gracious prince studreng and caryng for his sayde subiectes moste commodytye quietnes and ease: vppon further deliberacion hath wyth the aduyse of his most honorable counsaile determined and ordeined to remoue & dysseuer the sayde byshoprycke and diocesse of Chester, from the sayde prouince & archbyshoprycke of Cantorbury, and to vnite and annexe the same to the prouince and arche bishoprycke of yorke, as a diocesse membre & bishoprycke of the same. Be it therfore ordeined enacted and established by the kynges highnes, and by the consent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that the saide hole and entier diocesse or bishoprycke of Chester, and euery parcell and membre therof, be from henceforth vnited and annexed to the prouinte and archebishoprycke of yorke, as a diocesse and byshoprycke of the same. And that from henceforth the saide diocesse of Chester, and euery parcell therof, exempte as well as not exempte, be and be taken named and reputed to be of the prouince and archebishoprycke of yorke, & of the metropoliticall iurisdiction of the same, to euery effecte and purpose, accordyng to the ecclesiastical lawes in this realme and that the bishop of the same, that now is, and all other his successours, shalbe suffraganes to the archebyshop of yorke that nowe is, and his successours, and to the same shall owe theyr obedience, and be vnder the iurisdiction metropolitical of the same as well they as the deane and chapiter of Chester, and all the archdeacones and the hole clergye, and all other the kynges subiectes, beynge wythin the limyttes and boundes, of the saide diocese, any thyng comprysed in the said letters

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patentes of the erection of the laide dioceſſe and biſhoprycke of Cheſter. not withſtanding. And from hens forwarde nother the ſaid byſhop of Cheſter, nother the clergie, nor anye other the kynges ſubiectes, beynge of the ſayde dioceſe of Cheſter, ſhall recognile the archebiſhop of Canturbury as theyr Metropolitane, but onely the archebyſhoppe of Yorke, and his ſucceſſours and to the ſame ſhall obeye in all thynges accordinge to the lawes, as well temporall as eccleſiaſticall in thys realme.

¶ Be it alſo further enacted and eſtabliſhed by the kynges highnes, with the aſſent of the lordes ſpyrituall and temporall, and the commons in thys preſent parliamēt aſſembled, and by the auctoritie of the ſame, that the byſhoprycke and dioceſſe of Manne, in the Ile of Manne, be alſo annered, adioyned, and vnited to the ſaid prouince and Metropoliticall iuriſdiction of yorke, in all pointes and to all purpoſes and effectes, as the ſaid biſhoprycke of Cheſter is annered adioyned and vnited to the ſame.

¶ Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by our ſoueraigne lorde the kynge with the aſſente of the lordes ſpirituall and temporall, and the commons in this preſente parliamente aſſembled, & by auctoritie of the ſame, that thys acte be not preiudiciall to the archebyſhop of canturbury nowe beynge, nor to his ſucceſſours, nor to the deane and chapiter of the ſame, ne to anye other biſhop or chapiter of this realme, but that all places, landes, promocions, poſſeſſions, as well ſpirituall as temporall, beyng and lieng without the boundes and limittes of the archedeaconries of Richemount and Cheſter, and without the boundes and limittes of the citie of Cheſter, and the countye of the ſame, and the countyes of Lancaſter and Cheſter, or any of them, ſhall be ſtill of the prouince of Canturbury, and of ſuche dioceſſe and dioceſſes as thei were of afore the erection of the ſaid biſhoprycke of Cheſter and of the iuriſdiction of the ſame, and not of the prouince of yorke, ne ſhall be accompted to be any parcell of the laide dioceſſe of Cheſter, any thing in this preſent acte, or in the boke of erection of the ſayd biſhoprycke of Cheſter not withſtanding. Sauynge to the biſhop of Cheſter, and hys ſucceſſours, that hys houſe at Weſton, beynge wythin the dyoceſſe of Couentre and Lichefielde, ſhall be accompted and taken to be of his dioceſſe, and that he beynge reſidente in the ſame, ſhall be taken and accompted as reſydente in his owne dyoceſſe, and for the tyme of hys abode there, ſhall haue iuriſdiction in the ſame, likewyſe as all other byſhoppes haue in the houſes belongynge to theyr ſees, where ſo euer they lye, in anye other byſhoprycke within thys realme for the tyme of theyr abode in the ſame, anye thing in this preſent acte and prouiſion to the contrary therof in any wiſe not withſtandinge.

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## An act for the parishe church of Whitegate to be made a parishe church of it selfe, & no part of the parish of Ouer. Cap. xxxii.

WHere as by the dissolucion of the late monastery Vale-royall, within the countie of Chester, a certain churche, standing at the abbey gate of the said late monastery, among other the possessions, landes, tenementes, & hereditamentes of the saide late monasterie, is commen vnto the handes and possessions of the kinges highnes, by reason that the saide church was belonginge to the sayde late monastery, whiche churche before the tyme of remembraunce of man, by the vsurped bulles and authoritie of the bysshoppe of Rome, was made and ordeined to be a parish church, as well for all and euery the tenauntes and inhabitauntes dwelling of, in, and vppon the demeanes of the sayde late monastery, and of, in, and vpon al other new inchroced ground within the liberties of the saide late monastery, and the granges of the same, as for diuers other the tenauntes of the sayde late monasterie, dwellynge in Forwist, Gauil, Salterswal, Ouer, Merton, the Brokehouses, & all other houses and graunges, woddes, waters, pastures, and medowes within the precinct of the parishe of Ouer, wherof the saide late abbot was persone in the said countie of Chester, by reason wherof the said tenauntes and inhabitauntes haue continually, tyme out of mynde, come and resorted vnto the sayde parishe churche of Whitegate, within which time they haue continually receiued sacramentes and sacramentals at and in the saide parishe churche of Whitegate, and haue continually vsed to mary, bury, & christen within the same: And now of late at the dissolution of the said late monastery, the saide bulles and other writinges, concerning the sayde vsurped authoritie, were by the kinges Surueiours burned and distroied, by occasion wherof the vicar of the parishe of Ouer, within the said countie, would now disturbe the sayd tenauntes and inhabitauntes of their sayde parishe church, and would deduce them from their said most accustomable parishe church of Whitegate, vnto his said churche of Ouer, being foure or fiue miles distant from their sayd houses & tenementes, which not onely should be to the great paynes trauaile and discommoditie of the said tenauntes and inhabitauntes, but also thereby might growe, that suche lawfull mariages should be auoyded as haue heretofore ben solemnised in the face of the said church of Whitegate, being as hee affirmed, no parysshe churche, women might also lose their dowers, with manifold other losses greuances and inconueniences, that were likely to ensue vpon the same. In auoyding wherof be it enacted by the king our soueraigne Lorde, his lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by authoritie of the same, that the said church of Whitegate shall be the parishe churche for all and singuler the tenantes and inhabitauntes aforesaid: and that the saide churche shall be named and called from hencefoorth, the parishe

riſhe churche of our bleſſed Ladie the virgin of Whytegate, and the afore-ſayd tenauntes and inhabitauntes, ſhalbe diſcharged of any further reſorte or repaire to the ſaid church of Ouer, and that the perſon vicar and curate, of the ſayd paryſh church of Ouer, and euery of them, and the ſucceſſours of them and euery of them, ſhalbe diſcharged of the cure of the ſaid tenauntes and inhabitauntes.

¶ And be it further enacted by authoritie aforeſayde, that one Rycharde Beuion clerke, now incumbent of the ſame church of Whitegate, and after him ſome other ſufficient and lawfull perſone to be named and appointed by the kinges highnes, ſhalbe vicar perpetuall in the ſaide pariſhe churche of Whitegate, and haue perpetuall ſucceſſion in the ſame, and that he & his ſucceſſours ſhalbe called vicars of the pariſhe churche of our bleſſed Ladye the virgin of Whitegate, and ſhalbe inhabled by authoritie of this acte, to ſue and be ſued by that name in all courtes and places in this realme: and that the aduouſon donacion and preſentation of the ſaid vicarage, ſhal appertaine and belong to the kinges highnes his heires and ſucceſſours: and that as well the ſayd new firſt vicar named as aforeſayde, as all other vicars hereafter to be named of the ſayde church of Whitegate, ſhalbe preſented inſtituted and inducted to and by the ordinary & ordinaries of the ſame place, where the ſayd churche is ſituate, as other perſons and vicars of this realme bene accuſtomed: And ſhall paye the firſt fruites and tenthes of the ſaide vicarages vnto the kings hyghnes his heyres and ſucceſſours, according to the rate and value thereof. And that alſo the ſame vicar and his ſucceſſours ſhal haue and perceiue all the tithes, offringes, oblacions, obuentions and other eccleſiaſticall duties and rightes, that ſhall yearely growe and be due by the cuſtomes of the realme & eccleſiaſtical lawes of the ſame to be paied had or made by the aforeſaid tenauntes and inhabitauntes, excepte onely the tithe of corne, whiche ſhalbe payde and ſatiſfied from henceforth by authoritie of this acte, to the kinges highnes his heires ſucceſſours and patrones of the ſame.

## ¶ An acte concerning the priuilege of Kingſtowne vpon Hull. Cap. xxviii.

FOr as much as the kinges towne vpon Hul is ſituate and builded in length vpō the hauen of the ſaid towne of ẏ part of the eaſt, and vpō the water of Humber of the parte of the South, and for the ſauegarde tuicion & defence of the ſame the ſayd towne is compaſſed & encloſed with great walles diches and bankes from the ſoutheaſt ende of the ſaide hauen, as wel towardes Humber as of the weſt & of the north vnto the north ende of the ſaid hauen. And towardes the maintenaunce ſupportacion and vpholding as well of the ſaide walles, diches, and bankes, as of other clowes, ſloweſes, getties, gutters, gootes & other fortreſſes ther made for the

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defence of the saide towne and of the saide hauen, the mayre burgeses and comminaltie of the said towne of Hul, haue vsed time out of minde by their officers or ministers of the same towne, to leuie take and haue of all inhabitauntes of euery such townes in the counties of Suffolke and Norfolk, as pretende to be priuileged in the sayd kynges towne vpon Hull, of euery last of hearinges brought thither by shippe to bee solde. xx. d. and for euery hundred saltfishe. viii. d. and for euery last of spratte. viii. d. And also of al inhabitauntes of all other townes in the sayde counties of Suff. and Norff. and els where, of euery laste of hearinges brought to the kynges sayde towne of Hull by shippe to be solde. ii. s. iiii. d. and for euery hundred saltfishe. iiii. d. and for euery last of spratte. viii. d. Unto nowe of late in the xxvii. yeare of the reigne of our soueraigne lorde the king that now is, it was enacted by authoritie of parliamente, that the mayre of the saide towne of kynges towne vpon Hull and his successours, and all other officers and ministers, of and within the saide towne, should from henceforth permitte & suffer all the inhabitauntes of the said cõunties of Suff. and Norf. & from any other place thither repayring with vitayles, at all tymes for euermore betweene the feastes of all saintes & the Annunciation of our Lady, liberally & freely without interruption or impediment to conduct and bring their hearings and other fishe to the said towne, and there to vtter and sell the same, aswel by water as by land, by retaile or ingrosse, to whom soeuer & whan, within the said tyme before expressed, they or any of them shall thinke moste expedient for their own profittes and commodities, without any maner of toll custome imposition or other exactions or charge to be demaunded leuied or taken of the seller and vier of the same by the sayde mayre or any other officers or ministers of or within the sayde towne or porte of the same, for the said hearing or other fishe, or for the ships or other vessels wherin the same hearing or fishe should so be brought or conducted to the sayde towne: except onely suche summes of money as hereafter ensueth: that is to saye, of euery ship thither repayring with hearings or other fishe, as is aforesayde, being of the burden of. xx. tunne or vnder, and not aboue. v. s. And of euery shippe thither repayring with hearinges or other fishe, being aboue the full burden of. xx. tunne. vi. s. viii d. and not aboue, as by the sayd acte or statute made in the sayde. xxvii. yere more plainly may appeare. Sithens which act of parliamente made, as is aforesayde, the sayde walles, dyches, bankes, and also ietties, clowes, floweses, goottes, gutters, and other fortresses about the sayde towne, as is aforesayde, haue muche fallen in ruine and decay, because the mayre burgesies & comminaltie of the said town, whiche haue moste parte of their liuinges by trade of marchandise beyonde the sea, bee not able ne of power to maynteyne the sayde walles, dytches, bankes ietties and other the premisses against the said water, and to suppoyte and beare such other great yerely expenses costes and charges, as yearely chance within the sayde towne, except they might haue towards the same charges such summes of money as they before time haue ben accustomed to haue of

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the said fisherman, and other inhabitauntes as is aforesaide. And if the said walles diches and other the premisses should not be mainteined supported and defended against the said water, it would be in cõclusion the destructiõ and desolation of the said town of Kingstowne vpon Hull, which God defende. In consideration wherof be it enacted bee the kinge our soueraigne lorde, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by authoritie of the same, that the saide acte and statute made in the saide. xxvii. yeare, concerning exactions taken by the mayre and comminaltie of the towne of Hull, and euery thing therein conteined, may be from henceforth frustrate and voide: And that from henceforth it shall be laufull to the mayre and burgeses of the kinges said towne vpon Hull, and their successours mayres and burgeses of the same, and all other officers and ministers there for the time being from time to time, at all times hereafter, to receiue haue & take of all and euery the inhabitauntes and fyshermen of the saide counties of Suff. and of Norf. and all other places to the said towne of Hull, for such hearinges, sprattes, saltefishe, and all other vitailes by theim or any of theim hereafter to be broughte to bee solde vnto the kinges saide towne of Hull, such summes of money as hereafter foloweth, that is to saye, for euery laste of hearinges of euery persone priuileged. xx. d. for the laste: And for euery hundred saltfishe. iiii. d. and for euery laste of sprattes. viii. d. And of euery persone not priuileged for euery laste of hearinges. ii. s. iiii. d. and for euerye hundred saltfishe. iiii. d. and for euery laste of sprattes. viii. d. as afore the said act so made in the. xxviii. yeare of the reigne of our saide soueraigne lord the king, the said mayre and burgeses haue vsed and accustomed to take, any thing expressed or conteyned in the sayde acte to the contrary not withstanding.

Prouided alwaies, and be it also enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that this acte or any thing therin conteined or expressed, shall not extende nor in any wyse be hurtful or preiudicial to charge or onerate any citie borough or towne within this realme, or thinhabitauntes of the same, or any of theim, for any more or other custome, impositcion, or paiment, other wise than they or any of them of righte were charged or chargeable before the making of the said act and estatute, made in the said. xxvii. yere, any thing expressed or conteined in this present act to the contrary in any wise not withstãding.

## An acte for the towne of Lin touching the reuocation of twoo faires. Cap. xxxiii.

Where the kinges maiestie of his moste abundant goodnes hath by his letters patentes, vnder his great seale of Englande, bearing date the. vii. day of July, and in the xxix. yeare of his moste gracious reigne, graunted to the mayre and burgeses of his borough of kinges Lyne, in his countie of Norfolke, that they and their successours shall haue and hold within

within the said borough two faires or martes euery yeare frō thencefoorth: that is to say, one faire the next day after the feast of the Assumptiō of our blessed lady the virgin, to be holden & to endure by.vi. daies next, & immediatly following the same daye: the other of the saide fayres or martes to be holden the next daye after the feaste of the Purification of our blessed lady the virgin, and to endure by.vi. dayes next immediatly following the same daye, as by the saide letters patentes amonges other thinges more plainely may appeare. For so much that as well the burgesses and inhabitantes of the said borough of kinges Line, as many and diuers other persons dwelling nighe the saide borough of kinges Line, haue sins the saide letters patentes made, regrated and gotten into their handes possession great number of saltfish, as Ling, Loob, Codde, salt Salmon, Stockfish & Hearing, to the great hinderance and losse of many of the kinges subiectes, that yerely haue repayred and comen to Stirbrige faire, Elie faire, and other faires and markets in the countie of Cambridge and Huntington, and other shires, for the prouision of saltfishe and hearing for their housholdes, and for the prouision of diuers other shires within this realme of England, which regrating is contrary to a common wealth, and to diuers statutes in that case prouided, and contrarie to the good intent and meaning of the graunt of the sayd faires and martes, compriſed or specified in the sayd letters patentes. It be therfore enacted by the kynge our soueraigne lorde, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the authoritie of the same, that the grant made by the saide letters pattentes of the sayd two fayres or martes, with all liberties onely concerning the same shalbe from henceforth frustrate voide and of none effecte: Sauing alwayes & reseruing to the mayre and burgeses of the boroughe of kinges Line, in the countie of Norfolke, and their successours, al other liberties fraunchises, commodities, profittes, and all other thinges what soeuer compriſed or specified in any letters patentes made by the king our soueraigne Lorde, or by any of his noble progenitours, or by any other concerning the borough or towne of Line, by what name or names soeuer it is or hath ben called, or concerning the burgeses and inhabitantes of the said borough or towne of Line, or any of them, or the successours of anye of the, by what name or names soeuer they be or haue ben incorporate named or called, so that this act or any thing therin conteined, shal not in any wise extend or be expounded to make frustrate voide, or to take away any thing cause or matter but onely the said two faires or martes, any thing conteyned in this acte to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

## ¶ An acte concerning the condites of Glouceſter. Cap. xxxb.

Where before this time the towne of Glouceſter, nowe lately called the citie of Glocester, & the inhabitauntes & reſtantes within the same, haue bene reſonably furniſhed, comforted & refreſhed with good pure and

and cleane running water, issuing out of the heades of freshe springes, situate and beinge wythin one myle and halfe distante from the sayde citie, in one hyll there called Watstones hill, otherwyse called Robyn hoodes hyll: And for the preseruacion and continuance of the said heades and springes, there is and long time heretofore hath ben erected and builded by the inhabytauntes of the same newe citie, sundry condite houses of lyme and stone and from thense the sayd water hath bene conueied vndet erth in pypes of leade, into diuers places of the sayde cytie, and also to the cloister and houses of the late dissolued monastery of saincte Peter in the same citie, now lately translated & established by the kinges maiestie into a cathedrall church of a bysshop deane and chappter, whych sayde freshe runnyng water is & hath ben not onely a greate refreshing comforte and cõmoditie to al the kynges subiectes, inhabitinge within the sayde cytie, but also a singular pleasure to all estraungers repayring to the same: Tyll nowe of late the sayd springes haue ben and yet be much dryed wasted and consumed, so that through the debylitie and scarcytie of water in the sayde springes, lytell or no water at this daye commeth or renneth from these to the condites & vsuall places in the sayd citie or minster, by reason wherof if some spedy remedy be not foreseene and prouided for the conueyance bringynge and leadinge of other water springes nowe also beyng in the sayd hill, not far distant from the sayde olde heades, to the pypes gutters & trenches of the same olde heades, nowe leading and conueyinge the water to the sayde citie and mynster, the kynges subiectes inhabityng within the same citie, for lacke of the sayde water shall be muche greeued annoyed and molested, for as muche as freshe and pure runnynge water is and hath ben noted to be one of the moste necessaries comforte and refreshing to all cities and townes wythin thys realme. In consideracion wherof be it enacted by the king our soueraygne lord, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in thys presente parlyament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that from the feast of Easter nexte commyng it shall be lawfull to the mayre of the saide citie of Gloucester for the time beynge, and also to the deane of the sayde minster or cathedrall churche and their successours, and the successours of euery of them, at all times after the sayde feast of Easter, as nede shall requyre to digge and breake grounde for the conueyaunce of the saide water in all places, in or vpon the saide hill, so that the place or places so broken digged or trenched, be not aboue halfe a mile distaunt from the places where the saide olde conduites heades be nowe alreadie builded and erected, & in such places where it shall be thought most apte and necessary by the artificers and workemen of the saide mayre or deane for the time beinge, to serche or fynde any newe springe heades in any place within the sayd precinct afore mentioned. And vpon the same newe springes so founde lawfully to erecte & edify newe conduit houses, and there to digge and make diches bankes and trenches and other conuenient and necessary thinges for the continuance therof at all times hereafter, at the libertie and pleasure of the sayd mayre and deane and

their ſucceſſours for euermore. And alſo from the ſaid newe ſpringes to cō-
uey the water in pipes of leade gutters & trenches vnto the other pypes of
leade apperteinyng to the ſayde olde conduites heades, and by ſuche or like
polycy and meanes to bringe and conuey the hole water from all the ſayde
heades and ſpringes, vnto the ſaide citie and minſter, for the common welth
vtilite and reliefe of the ſame cytye and mynſter, and the inhabitauntes of
the ſame. And thus to be done and executed with the yerely maintenance &
reparacions of the ſame, as nede ſhal require frō time to time alwaies here-
after. And further that the ſaid mayre and deane and their ſucceſſours, and
euery of them, for the dyggynge and breakinge of any ſuche ground or ſoyle
in anye the places aforeſaide, and for the purpoſes aforeſayde ſhall wythin
xx. dayes nexte after any ſuche grounde broken by the labourers or worke-
men of the ſayd maire or deane, for the ententes and purpoſes aforeſaid, ſa-
tiſfie contente and paie vnto the owners or poſſeſſours of the ſayd ſoyle or
grounde ſo broken or digged, as muche money for the ſame dyggynge and
breakinge, as ſhall be adiudged and tared by the determinacion and iudge-
ment of .iii. or .iiii. indifferent men, inhabitinge wythin the paryſhe, where
the place ſo broken builded or trenched is or ſhall be, and that to be vſed for
euermore hereafter. And the ſame .iii. or .iiii. men alwayes hereafter ſhall be
choſen and named, as well by the owner or poſſeſſour of the ground ſo bro-
ken for the time beinge, as alſo by the ſayde mayre or deane for the tyme be-
inge, by whoſe commaundement any ſuche grounde or ſoile ſhall be at any
time hereafter ſo dygged or broken: And all ſuch ſummes as after the ſayde
feaſt of Eaſter ſhall be tared by the ſayd .iii. or .iiii. men for the time beynge
ſo named and choſen, for ſatiſfaction of any ſuche treſpaſſe or treſpaſſes ſhal
be payde and ſatiſfied by the ſayd mayre or deane for the time beinge, with-
in .iiii. dayes nexte after the ſaide taracion or iudgement ſo made and yel-
ded, vpon peine of the ſayd mayre or deane ſo offendinge denyenge or refu-
ſynge the payment therof for euery ſuche offence to forfaite .xiii.s.iiii.d. the
one halfe of whiche ſayde forfaiture ſhall be to the kinge our ſoueraygne
lorde, his heyres and ſucceſſours, and the other moitie to any of the kinges
ſubiectes that will ſue for the ſame in any of the kinges courtes of recorde,
by action of dette byll plaint informacion or otherwiſe, in which action byll
or playnte no wager of lawe protection nor eſſoin ſhall lye. And neuerthe-
leſſe the partie, whoſe grounde hereafter ſhall be broken for none payement
of all ſuche ſummes of money, as by the ſaide .iii. or .iiii. men for the time be-
inge, ſhall be tared and adiudged for the doinge of any ſuche treſpas at any
time or times, ſhall haue an action of det agaynſte the ſaide maire or deane,
by whoſe commaundement any ſuche ground ſhalbe ſo broken, in any of the
kinges courtes of recorde, for the recouerie of the ſame det ſo tared, in why-
che action no wager of lawe protection or eſſoine ſhall lye. And if it ſhall
happen that the ſaid thre or foure men hereafter ſo to be choſen as is afore-
ſayde, do not or ſhall not agre in makinge any ſuche taracion for any ſuche
offence or offences to be done wythin the ſayd tyme of foure daies to them

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afore limitted, nor that the said mayre or deane for the time beynge, do not offer or tender to the partie so greeued, reasonable amendes & satisfactyon for the breaking digging or trenching his or theyr sayde ground, that than the partie or parties so greeued, & whose landes or soyle shall be so hereafter subuerted and broken, shal haue his lawfull remedie against the sayd mayre or deane for the time beinge, by whose commaundement any suche soyle or grounde, shall be for the purpose aforesayde dygged or broken, by actyon of trespas, and to recouer damages for the same, any thing in this present act mencioned to the contrary thereof not withstandinge.

¶ Prouided alwaies and be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that if the said mayre or deane, their successours workemen or seruauntes, or any of them, at anye time or times after the sayde feaste of Easter, be or shall be disturbed letted or withstanded, to digge buylde heades of cōdites dyches or trenches in any place or places, in or vpon the sayde hyll, wythin the precincte to them afore limitted, or in any other place or places from the hyll vnto the saide citie, for the necessarye reparacion and amendement of any the pypes of leade hereafter to be crased or broken, which doth conuey the said water to the same citie or minster, by any owner owners or possessours of the same grounde, or by any other person or persons at any time or times hereafter: that then euery such person owner possessour or personnes so disturbinge, wilfully lettinge or molestinge any the workemen of the saide mayre or deane, shall forfaite and lose for euery such disturbaunce and denier. xx. s. The one halfe of which saide forfaiture shal be vnto the kinge our soueraigne lorde, his heyres and successours, and the other moitie to any of the kinges subiectes that will sue for the same in anye the kynges courtes of recorde, at any time hereafter by action of det bylle plaint informacion or otherwise, in whiche no wager of law protection nor essoin shall ly or be allowed.

## ¶ An acte for repayring of Canturbury, Rochester, Stampforde and diuers other townes. Cap. xxxvi.

FOr as muche as in times paste diuers and many beautifull houses of habitacion haue bene wythin the walles and lybertyes of the cytye of Canturbury, the citie of Rochester, the boroughes and townes of Stampforde, and great Grimesby in the countye of Lincolne, the towne of Cambridge in the countie of Cambridge, the boroughe or towne of Derbye, in the countye of Derby, the borough or towne of Gilforde in the countye of Surrey, the towne of Dunwyche in the countye of Suffolke the boroughes or townes of the sinke portes with theyr membres, the towne of Lewes in the countie of Susser, & the town of Buckingham in the countye of Buckingham, which now are fallen downe decaied & at this tyme remain vnreedified, lying as dissolate and voyd groundes, & many of them adioyning nigh vnto the high streetes replenished with much order fylth &

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vnclennes, with pittes sellers and vaultes lieng open and vncouered, to the great perill and danger of all the inhabitantes & other the kinges subiectes passinge by the same, and some houses be very weake and feble redy to fall downe, and be very daungerous to passe by, to the great decaye and hinderaunce of the saide cities boroughes townes and sinke portes. It may therfore be enacted by the kinge our soueraigne lorde, the lordes spirituall and temporal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by ẏ auctoritie of the same, that if any person or persons or bodies politike, beyng owners & possessioners of any such desolate or void groundes, that at any time within fiue & fortie yeres next before the making of this act, haue ben builded for houses of habitaciō, or for ani house or houses of habitaciō nowe or hereafter being in decay and not fully fallen downe. within the liberties and precintes of any of the said boroughes townes and places, doe not sufficiently reedefie builde and repaire, or cause to be reedified builded and repayred the said desolate void groundes and decaied houses conuenient for habytacion and dwelling, within two yeres next after proclamacion to be made in and vpon the same void ground or groundes, decaid house or houses, by the maires aldermen and burgesses, or other hed officers wythin the precincte of their owne auctorities, that than it shall be laufull for the chiefe lorde or lordes immediate, of whom such desolate and voide groundes, decaied, and ruinous houses be holden after the saide two yeres be expired, to enter into the same, and to haue the same groundes or houses, with the curtilage backeside and gardeine adioyning to the same, if they be of the inheritaunce of the owner or owners of the saide decaied house or grounde, & excede not one acre of grounde, to them and to their heyres or successours, or to theyr owne proper vse for euer, so that the said lorde or lordes immediate entring by the aucthoritie of this acte, dooe sufficiently reedifie builde or repaire the same voyde grounde or decaide houses, wythin two yeres and an halfe, next and immedyately folowing the determinaciō of the foresaid first two yeres. And in case such lorde or lordes, as may enter by this act, do not enter and well & sufficiently reedifie builde or repayre the same voyd groundes or decaied houses, within the said two yeres and an halfe to them lymited by this acte: or if suche lorde or lordes immediate, as maye enter by thys act, do sufficently reedifie builde and repayre the same void groundes or decaied houses, within the said two yeres and an halfe to them limitted, and after thei their heires or successours suffer the same houses or voyde groundes to fall in ruine and decay, and do not build or reedifie the same sufficiētly within two yeres and an halfe of suche ruine or decay: that than it shalbe lefull to all person or persons or bodies politike, as shall than haue any rent charge ioyntly or seuerall goinge out of the saide voyde grounde or groundes, or decaied house or houses, in any of the said cities boroughes, townes or places immediatly after the said two yeres and an halfe expired, to enter into the same, and to haue to such of them theyr heyres and successours, to theyr owne proper vse, as shall so builde the said voide groundes or decaied

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houses, by auctoritie of this acte, the same voyd groundes or houses, wyth the curtilage backeside & gardeine adioyninge to the same, if they be of the inheritaunce of the owner or owners of the said decaied house or ground, & excede not in quantitie one acre of ground, discharged of all rentes goynge out of the same groundes or houses, as well against the saide lorde & lordes immediate, as all other person or persons or bodies politike, hauynge anye rent or rents charges or rent secke out of the same, other then the fee ferme of the said citie borough towne or place, or some parcel therof, so that the said person or persons or bodies politike, hauinge the saide rent charge, entryinge by the auctoritie of this acte, do sufficiently reedify builde & repaire the same desolate and voide grounde or grouides, or decaied house or houses, wythin one yere and iii. quarters next & immediately folowing the determinacion of the said two yeres and an halfe, to the saide lorde or lordes immediate appointed by this acte. And in case suche person or persons or bodies politike, hauing any of the said rentes charges, as may enter by this acte, do not enter and well and sufficiently reedifie build or repayre the same voyd groundes or decayde houses, within one yere & three quarters to them appointed by vertue of this acte: or if they or any of them hauinge suche rente charge, and that may enter by this acte, do sufficiently builde and repayre the same voide ground or groundes, or decaied house or houses, within the saide one yere and three quarters to them limitted, and after they their heyres or successours, suffer the same void ground or groundes, house or houses to fall in ruine and decaie, and do not builde or reedifie the same sufficiently wythin one yere & three quarters after such ruine or decaie: that then it shalbe leful to the mayres aldermen and burgesses, & other the head officers of the saide cities boroughes townes & places, by what name or names so euer they be incorporated and their successours, and euery of them within the limittes of their auctorities immediately after the saide yere and iii. quarters expyred, into euery such desolate and voide groundes decaied or ruinous houses, to enter, & to haue hold & enioy to them and their successours for euer, to their owne vses, the same groundes or houses and euery of thē with the curtelages, gardens, & backside to the same, if thei be of thenheritāce of the owner or owners of the said decaied house or grounde, and excede not in quantitie one acre of grounde clerely discharged of all rentes goinge out of the same groundes or houses, as well against the saide lorde or lordes immediate, as all other person or persons or bodies politike, hauynge suche rente charge or rent secke as before is said, other then the fee ferme of the said citie borough towne or place or parcell therof. So that the same maires aldermen & burgesses or other head officer as is aforesaid, or their successours for the tyme being, do reedifie builde or repayre, or cause to be reedified builded or repayred, the same grounde or groundes house or houses within iii. yeres next, & immediately folowing the determination of the said yere and .iii. quarters, limitted or appointed to suche p̄son or persons or bodies politike, that haue or shall haue any rente as is aforesaid: And in case the said mayres aldermē

and burgesses, or other head officers as is aforesaid, or their successours, do not enter and reedifie builde and repayre the same void ground or grounds decaid house or houses in forme aforesaid, within the sayd term of.iii.yeres after their saide entree, or if they sufficiently reedifie buylde and repayre the same voyd ground or groūdes or decayed house or houses within the sayde thre yeres to them limitted by this acte, and after they or their successours, suffre the same house or houses, voyde grounde or groundes, to fall in ruine and decay, and do not builde and reedifie the same sufficiently wythin thre yeres after suche ruine or decay, that then it shalbe leful to the firste owner or owners, possessour or possessours of such voyd grounde or groundes, decaied house or houses, their heyres or successours, immediately after the said thre yeres, to the sayde mayres aldermen & burgeses, & other head offycers as is afore, limitted, expyred into the same houses ground or groundes, currilages, gardeins, and backesides to entre, and the same to retaine to them, theyr heyres and successours, as in their fyrst estate, any thyng contemed in this present acte to the contrary not wythstandynge.

☞ Prouided alway, that this acte or any thinge therin conteined, be not in any wise hurtfull or preiudiciall to any person or persons, beyng at the time of the sayde proclamacion made, vnder the age of.xxi.yeres, or beynge feme couert, or in prison, or beyonde the sea in the kynges warres, or in his other lefull affayres, or to any person or persons. not beynge than of hole and perfect memory, durynge the time that suche person or persones shalbe wythin age maried, in prysonne, or of no perfect memory, or beyonde the sea, so that the same person or persons, theyr heyres or successours, after that he or they come to theyr full age of.xxi.yeres or be vnmaried, out of prison, or come agayne within this realme, or be of hole & perfect memory, within.iii.yeres than next ensuinge, doe reedifie the same desolate or voyde groundes, or repayre the saide decayed houses.

## ☞ An acte touchinge the honour of Ampthyll. Cap.xxxvii.

Consideryngе that the kynges most excellent maiestie myndeth and intendeth by the grace of god to erecte builde and edifie vpon his graces manour of Ampthyll in the countye of Bedf. sumptuous stately beautyefull and princely buyldyuges structures and edifyces, & the same as his highnes hath alredy with goodly & parkely parkes, so hereafter wt diuers and sundry other like thinges of pleasure delite and commodytye, to beautifie adorne, and decorite, mete apte and conuenient for the long conseruacion of the kinges most royall person at such time and times as hys maiestie shall haue accesse to the same: It semeth therfore very behoueful expedient and requisite, that not alonely to such a palace royal, manours possessions and other hereditamentes should be knyte vnyted & annexed, correspondent and agreable to the worthines and dignitie therof, but also ought

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of all conuenience in readie to be ornated and set forth with the name and title of an honour, therby insinuating and declaring, that the thinge shall be no lesse honourable and princely in riche and fayre possessions, than stately & commodious, as well in thinges of pleasure, as in sumptuous and costely buildynges. Wherefore be it enacted, ordeined and established by the kyng our souerayngne lorde, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall and the cõmons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that all and singuler manours, parkes, messuages, sites of monasteries, graunges, landes, tenementes, rentes, reuercions, seruices & all other hereditamentes, liberties & commodites, lienge or beinge in the hamlets, townes, and parishes of Ampthyll, Wilbroke, Fleetwike, Walden, Stepingley, Westoning, Houghton, Congest, Wilhamstede, Littelington Husbondcrauley, Rigemond cum Sageno, Aspeley, Geps, Cliphill, Cayneo, Shefforde, Cranefielde, Pollorhyll, Harlyngton, Todington, Barton, Shitlington, Chalgraue, Mariston, Woodburne, Euershall, Milton, Brian, Warden, Elstowe, Caudewell, Dontstable, Salforde, Holcoote, Bedforde, Wotton, Semston, and the manour of Colmeworthe in the said countie of Bedforde or in any of them, or els in the hamlettes, townes or parishes of Newportpanel, Tikforth, Wolso, greate Lidforth, litel Lidforth, Stewkley litel Brickhill, Woobrichhill, Wauendon, north Crauley, and Swanborne, or in any of them in the countie of Buckingham, or els where within the realme of England, belonging or appertayninge to any manour lyenge or beyng in any of the townes or parishes aboue mencioned, wherof and of the which our saide souerayngne lorde the kyng is at this present seased of an estate of inheritance, shall from henceforth be perpetually knit annexed and vnited to the said manour of Ampthyll, and be taken adiudged and demed as part parcell & member of the same manour: and that the same manour of Ampthyl, together with al maner landes, tenementes and other the premisses aboue recited, so vnited & annexed to the same manour, according as is aboue expressed, shall from henceforth be perpetually called and named the honour of Ampthyl. And that the same, which heretofore hath ben taken for the manour of Ampthyl, shal frõ henceforth be taken and adiudgede the chief principall and capitall parte and place of the hole honour of Ampthyll, and also that all and singuler other manours, messuages, landes, tenemẽtes, rẽtes, reuercions, seruices and other hereditamentes, lieng or beinge in any of the hamlettes, townes, or parishes aforesaide, with their rightes members and appurtenances, wherof, & of the which the kyng our sayde souerayngne lorde, his heires or successours, shall be at any time hereafter seased of estate of inheritance by purchase, eschete forfaiture or otherwise, shall immediately after such purchase forfeiture eschete or otherwise cumming to the handes of his highnes, his heires or successours, be from time to time vnyted annexed demed and adiudged to all ententes and purposes as parte parcell and member of the said honour of Ampthyll.

¶ And furthermore be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that all and singuler

guler the tenauntes, as wel freeholders and copieholders, as other, and all and singuler persõs, which owe suite to any of the said manours, or to any leete or lawday to be holden within the precinct of any of them, & the heires successours and assignes of euery of the saide tenauntes shal do their suites seruices and customes, and pay their rentes to the said sundry manours, & in such time as they did and ought to do before the makyng of this present act. And that the said tenantes and suiters and euery of them, or the heires successours or assignes of them or euery of them, at any time hereafter shall not be charged or chargeable to or with any other seruices, suites, customes rẽtes or other charges, nor be cõpelled to doe or pay at ne in any other place or places, nor anye of the seuerall tenures chaunged altered or charged otherwise than they were or ought to doe & before the makinge of this acte any thynge therin contained to the contrary not withstandynge.

Prouided alwaies, that this act or any thynge therin contained shall not be preiudiciall or hurtfull to any person or persons, theyr heyres executours successours or assignes, for any leases, demises, graūtes or couenauntes heretofore had made or graunted to them or any of them, of the saide manours and other the premisses, or any parte or parcell therof, or of any leases graūtes or couenauntes hereafter to be made or graunted of any of the said manours, landes, tenementes, & other the premisses, wherof the kinges highnes his heyres or successours shal hereafter be seased of estate of inheritance by purchase forfaiture eschete or otherwise, as is aforesayd lying or beynge in any of the saide hamlets, townes or parishes, by the owners of the sayd manours, landes, tenementes, & other the premisses or any parte or parcell therof, or by anye of their auncestours or predecessours, or by anye person or persons lawfully auctorised by them or any of them, for any demise lease or graunt therof so made or to be made. Hauing alway to euerye person and persons bodies politike and corporate, their heires, executours, successours, and assignes and euery of them, other than such bodies politike and corporate, and other persons as were or hereafter shalbe partes and priuy to the bargaines, sales giftes or grauntes of the saide manours and other the premisses or any parte therof, and theyr wyues being examined accordynge to the lawe of this realme, theyr heyres and successours, and the wyues so examined and theyr heyres, and the heires and successours of euery of them, all such right title vse interest, possession, lease, leases, ferme, fermes, for terme of life liues yeres, or otherwise, and al grauntes liberties, priuileges iurisdictions auctorities, fraunchises, rentes charges profittes couenauntes & al other commoditie or commodities, which they or any of them haue might or ought to haue, or hereafter shall or should haue in of or to the premisses or any parte or parcell of them, in such maner and fourme as though this acte or any thing therin contained to the contrary therof had neuer ben had nor made, any thing in this present act to ỹ contrary therof not withstanding.

Be it also further enacted by the auctorities aforesayde, that the sayde honour of Ampthyll, and all the manours, landes, tenementes, hereditamentes

mentes and other the premisses aboue reherſed, ſhall from henſeforthe be in the order ſurueye rule and gouernaunce of the courte of Augmentacions of the reuenues of our ſoueraigne lord the kinges crowne, and to be granted let and ſette to ferme by the officers & miniſters of the ſame courte, in ſuche maner and forme, as other the manours landes and tenemētes appointed to the ſame court ben and ought to be letten or graūted. And that al ỹ fermes iſſues, reuenues and profittes comming and growing of the premiſſes and of euerye parte thereof, ſhall be taken and receiued to the kinges vſe by the miniſters and officers of the ſame court, in ſuche manour & forme as is vſed and had of other manours landes, tenementes, cōmitted to the order ſurueye and gouernance of the ſaid court of augmentacion, anye act ſtatute ordinance cuſtome or vſe heretofore had made or vſed to the contrary therof not withſtanding.

## ¶ An acte concerning the honour of Grafton. Cap. xxviii.

FOr diuers ſundry vrgent and neceſſarie cauſes and conſideracions the kinges maieſtie ſpecially moving: be it enacted ordeined and eſtabliſhed by the kinge our ſoueraygne lorde, with the aſſente of the lordes ſpirituall and temporall and the commons in this preſente parliament aſſembled, and by the auctoritie of the ſame, that all thoſe hys maieſties hundredes of Wimberſley and Alforde how, and all thoſe his graces forreſtes Whittilwood & Sawſey, and all that his chace of yardſley in the countye of Northampton with al and ſingular theyr members rightes and appurtenaunces: and all that hys highneſſe chaſe of Waddon in the countye of Buckingham, wythe all and ſynguler his rightes, members, and appurtenances, and all and ſinguler manours, parkes, meſſuages, ſeites of monaſteryes and prioryes, graunges, landes, tenemētes, rentes, reuercions ſeruices, and all other hereditamentes liberties and commodyties, lyenge or being in the hamlets, townes and pariſhes of Grafton, Hertwel, Alheton, Roode, Cortuall, Alderton, Stoke brewern, Shittill anger, Shorefley, Bliſworth, Wilton, Walleſworth, Tiffilde, Palliſpery, Toſſetour, Eiſton Hulcote, Abthorp, Foſcot, Greinſmorton Blakeſley, Woodend, Colehighā, Grimſcot, Gaiton, Patſel, Eſcot, Aſcot, Daleſcot, Bugbroke, Ruddiſthrup Collingthrigh, Hardyngſton, Wotton, Quinton, Slopton, Denſager, Yardeley Potterſpery, Furthoo, Colgroue, Caſtel aſhby, Wyken and Delaprey in the ſaid county of Northamton: and in the hamlettes townes & pariſhes of Luffilde. Hanſlappe, Caſtelthorp, Harſham, Sheneley, Lytlehorewood, Shelſoo, & littell Lidforth, in the ſaid county of Buckingham, and elſ where within the realme of England, belonginge or appertainynge to any manours or hundred, lyeng or beinge in any of the townes or pariſhes aboue mentioned, wherof and of the whiche our ſaide ſoueraigne lorde the king is at this preſent ſeaſed of an eſtate of inheritance, ſhal from henceforth

forth be perpetually knit, annexed & united to the said manour of Grafton, and be taken adiudged and demed as part parcell and member of the same manour: And that the same manour of Grafton, together with all maner landes tenementes and other the premisses aboue recited, so united and annexed to the same manour, according as is aboue expressed, shall from henseforth be perpetually called and named the honour of Grafton: & that the same which heretofore hath ben take for the manour of Grafton, shall from the first day of May next comming be taken and adiudged the chief principall and capitall part and place of the hole honour of Grafton: And also that all and singuler other manours, messuages, landes, tenementes, rētes reuercions, seruices, and other hereditamētes lienge & beynge in any of the hamlets, townes or parishes aforesaide, with all the rightes membres and appurtenances, wherof and of the whiche the kinge our soueraygne lorde his heyres or successours, shall be at anye time hereafter seased of estate of inheritaunce by purchase eschete forfaiture or otherwise, shall immediately after such purchase, forfaiture, or otherwise comming to the handes of hys highnes, his heyres or successours, be from time to time united, annexed demed and adiudged to all intentes and purposes, as parte parcell & membre of the sayd honour of Grafton.

¶ And further be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that all and singular the tenantes, as well freholders & copiholders as other, and all and singular persons, which owe suite to any of the saide manours, or to any leete or lawday to be holde, within the precinct of any of them, & the successours and assignes of euery of the said tenantes, shal doe their suites seruices and customes, and pay their rētes to the said sundry manours, and in such time as they did & ought to do before the makinge of this present acte. And that the saide tenantes & suiters or any of them, or the heires successours or assignes of them or anye of them, at anye time hereafter, shall not be charged or chargeable to or with any other seruices suites customes rentes or other charges, nor be cōpelled to do or pay the same in any other place or places, nor any of the seuerall tenures chaunged altered or charged otherwise thā they were or ought to do, or be before the making of this act, any thing ther in conteined to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ Prouided alway, that this act or any thing therin conteined, shall not be preiudiciall or hurtfull to any person or persons, their heyres executours successours or assignes, for any leases demises grauntes or couenauntes heretofore had made or graunted to them or any of them, of the saide manours and other the premisses, or any part or parcell therof, or of any leases grantes or couenauntes hereafter to be made or graunted of any of the said manours, landes, tenementes, & other the premisses, wherof the kinges highnes his heyres or successours shal herafter be seased of estate of inheritance by purchase forfaiture eschete or otherwise, as is aforesayde, lienge or beyng in any of the saide hamlettes townes or parishes by the owners of the said manours landes tenementes and other the premisses, or any parte or

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parcell therof, or by any of their auncestours, or predecessours, or by any other person or persons lawfully auctorised by the or any of the, for any demise lease or graunt therof so made or to be made: Sauing alwaies to euerye person and personnes bodyes politike and corporate, their heires successours, executours, and assignes, other then such bodies polytyke and corporate, and suche other persons as were or herafter shall be parties and pryuies to the bargaines sales, gyftes or grauntes of the sayde manours and other the premisses or any parte therof: & theyr wiues being examined of ye same according to the lawes of this realme, their heyres and successours, & the wiues so examined, and the heires and successours of euery of them all such right title vse interest possession, lease, leases ferme, fermes for terme of life, liues or yeres, or other wise: and all graūtes, libertues, rentes charges profites, couenauntes and all and euery other commoditie or commodities which they or anye of them haue might or ought to haue, or hereafter shall or shoulde haue of in or to the premisses or anye parte or parcell of them, in such maner and fourme as though this act, or any thinge therin conteined to the contrary therof had neuer bene had nor made, any thinge in this present acte to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ Be it also further enacted by the auctorytie aforesaide, that the said honor of Grafton, and al the manours landes tenementes hereditamētes and other the premisses aboue reherſed, shal from henceforth be in the order suruey rule and gouernaunce of the court of Augmentacion of our saide souereine lorde the kinges crowne, and to be graunted, let and sette to ferme by the officers and ministers of the same courte, in suche maner and fourme as other the manours landes and tenemētes appointed to the same court, ben or ought to be letten or graunted: And that al the fermes issues, reuenues, and profites comming and growing of the premisses & euery parte therof, shalbe taken and receiued to the kinges vse by the ministers and officers of the same courte, in suche maner and fourme as is vsed and had of other manours, landes, tenementes and other hereditamentes, committed to the order suruey and gouernaunce of the sayde courte of Augmentacion, anye act statute, ordenance custome or vse heretofore hadde made or vsed to the contrary therof not withstanding.

¶ Prouided also and be it enacted by the auctheritie aforsayde, that thys act ne any thinge therin conteined be in any wise preiudiciall or hurtefull to the iustices, wardens, stewardes, leuetenantes and clarkes of the swanny-motes of any forestes, parkes, or chaſes, conteined in this acte, for or concerning any of theyr offices powers or auctorities, but onely for and cōcerning surueiyng of woodes and woodsales to be had and made in any of ye said parkes forestes or chaſes, & the punishment of the offendours therin, and the naming ruling and ordering of the verderours therof.

¶ And it is further enacted by the auctorytie aforesaid, that the minister of the woodes of the saide courte of Augmentacions, or other officers of the same courte, shall yerely pay or cause to be payde of such summes of money

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as shall yerely rise and come of the woodsales to be made of or in the sayde parkes forrestes and chases aforesayd all and all maner of fees and wages as of olde time hath bene accustomed to be payde for the exercysynge of any office wythin the sayd parkes, forrestes and chases, accordinge to a certificate by writing therof to be made vnto the saide maister of the woodes by and from the iustices of the forrestes or any of them or any their deputie or deputies in the same office, sealed and subscribed by them or any of them.

¶ And it is also enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the sayde maister of the woodes for the time beyng, shall make payment of all and al maner of reparacions nedefull to be done in and vpon anye pale, rayle and lodge, wythin anye of the sayde parkes, forrestes and chases, and assigne tymber for the same vpon any request therof to be made in writinge, by and from the sayde Justices of forrestes: And the sayde maister of the woodes shall allowe all maner of fewell and browse to be spent and occupyed wythin the sayd parkes, forrestes and chases, as it hath bene of olde time there vsed and accustomed.

¶ And it is also prouided and enacted by the auctheritie aforesayde, that the maister of the woodes shall not make any woodsale within the parkes chases and forrestes aforesaide or any of them, but by the assente of the iustyces of forrestes for the time beyng, within whose auctoritie suche forrestes chases and parkes bene, any thynge in this acte conteined to the contrarye not wythstanding.

¶ Prouided alwaye and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide that the fermers, rentes, suites, and seruices of suche and as many of the sayde manours, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, menetioned in thys acte, belonging to the duchie of Lancaster, and countie Palantine of Lancaster or to either of them, shalbe answered and payde in the courte of the duchye chaumber at westminster, or to the receiuours general and other ministers of the same courte, in lyke maner and fourme as heretofore hath bene vsed and accustomed. And that al leases hereafter to be made of any of the same manours, landes, tenementes or hereditamētes belonging to the sayde duchie, shalbe made vnder the seale of the duchye of Lancaster in like maner and fourme as heretofore hath bene vsed, this acte or any thing therin conteined to the contrary therof in any wise not withstandinge

## ¶ An acte concerning the erection of the courte of Surueiours. Cap. xxxix.

WHere in the parlyamente holden at London, the .xb. daye of Apryll, in the .xiiii. yeare of the reygne of our moste dread soueraigne lorde the kynge that nowe is, and from thence proroged to Westminster the laste daye of July, in the .xb. yere of the reygne of our saide soueraigne lorde, & there then holden, one acte or estatute was made and ordeined by our said soueraigne lorde the kinge, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporal, & the commons in the saide parliament assembled, and by aucthoritie of the same, that diuers and many honours castelles lordshippes manours landes tenementes and other hereditamentes, as well in England & walles, as in Calys and the marches of the same, which in a cedule to the sayd acte annexed be expressed, were appointed to be vnder the suruey lettinge & settyng of diuers persons by the kinges highnes commission assigned, whiche by the saide acte be named and called, the kinges generall Surueiours of all and singuler the premysses, before whom all receiuours baylyffes and other officers and ministers, and all other person and persons should be accomptable, of and for all and euerye the premisses, as by the saide act more plainely at large may appere. The saide acte to endure vntill the laste daye of the parliament than nexte and immediately ensuynge, which sayd nexte parliament, begonne at London the thyrde daye of November. in the .xxi. yere of his graces most noble reigne, & frō thense adiourned vnto Westm. and there also vpon diuers prorogacions continued and holden the fourth day of Febr uary, in the .xxvii yere of his sayd reygne. It was then & there by auctoritie of the same parliament ordeined and established, that the sayd former acte shoulde from thensefoorth continue for euer, as by the same acte amongest other thinges therin conteined, more plainly is shewed and may appere. And for as much as all and synguler the premisses be appertaining to the kinges moste royall maiestie, as in the right of his imperiall crowne of this realme, whiche crowne so beinge imperyall, it is very necessary & expedient, that all possessions landes tenementes & other hereditamentes, beinge in any part parcell or membre therof, should be of such nature qualitie & condition, as one hole and perfect body vndismembred: so that the officers therof appointed by the kinges highnes, should haue no necessitie, to haue ayd or assistence of the auctoritie and power of any other courte or iurisdyction, of or for the ordering surueying settinge lettinge of any of the premysses, or for leuieng of all and singuler the fermes rentes yssues profyttes and commodities of the premisses, or for the determinacion and iudgment of any maner cause or causes that might happen to growe insurge or ryse in of or about the same or any part therof, wherin the kinges maiestie is partye. Therfore as well for the good ordering, and for more spedie and due administracion of Justice to be had of and concerning all and singular suche the

kinges honours castelles manours landes tenementes and other hereditamentes, prests and summes of money compriſed in a cedule ſigned or hereafter to be ſigned with the kinges ſigne manuell, withe the iſſues and profites of the ſame, to be truely anſwered to the kinges highnes hys heyres and ſucceſſours. And to thentent the kinges ſaide excellente maieſtie, hys heyres and ſucceſſours may the more truely and ſpedely be anſwered cõtented and paid of the rentes iſſues fermes reuenues and profites, riſynge comyng and growing, or which hereafter ſhall riſe come or growe, of in and vppon all and ſinguler the honours caſtelles lordeſhippes manours landes tenementes and other hereditamentes aforeſaid, with other the premiſſes, whiche be compriſed in the ſayde cedule, ſigned with the kinges ſigne Manuell, or hereafter ſhalbe expreſſed in any other Cedule hereafter to be aſſygned, as is aforeſaid, in ſuch courte place maner fourme and condition, as hereafter ſhall be declared lymitted and appointed. Be it enacted ordeyned and eſtabliſhed, by thaſſent of the kinges ſaide maieſtie, hys lordes ſpyrituall and temporall and the commons in thys hys preſent parliament aſſembled, and by auctoritie of the ſame, in maner and fourme, as hereafter foloweth in articles, That is to ſaye.

¶ Fyrſt the kinge our ſoueraigne lorde, by auctoritie aforeſaide, ordeyneth maketh eſtabliſheth & erecteth a certaine court, cõmonly to be called, The court of the generall Surueyours of the kinges landes, which courte, by auctoritie aforeſaide, continually ſhall be a courte of recorde, and ſhall haue one priuie ſeale to be engrauen and made after ſuch fourme facion & maner as ſhall be appointed by the kinges highnes, which ſaid ſeale ſhall remayne and be in the order and kepinge of the ſame Surueyour, that ſhall be fyrſte named in the kinges letters patentes, and in his abſence to be leſte to the nexte officer to be named in the ſaide letters patentes, and in his abſence to the thirde officer to be named in the ſaid letters patentes.

¶ And be it enacted by auctoritie aforeſaide, that there ſhalbe certaine perſons to be named by the kynges highnes, his heires and ſucceſſours, which ſhall be called the kinges generall Surueyours of the kinges landes, and they ſo named by the kinges highnes his heyres & ſucceſſours, ſhall be one entier officer, and ſhall be the fyrſt and principall officer of the sayde courte

¶ Alſo it is ordeined by auctoritie aforeſayd, that ſuch perſone as now is and hereafter ſhall be Treaſourer of the kinges chaumber, ſhalbe alwaies Treaſorer of the reuenues of the ſaid court, and ſhall be officer of the ſame court nexte vnto the ſaid Surueyours.

Alſo there ſhall be one other perſon learned in the lawes of the lande, to be named by the kinges highnes, which ſhall be called the kinges Atturney of the ſayd court, and ſhalbe the thyrde officer in the ſaid court.

Alſo there ſhalbe one perſon to be named by the kinges highnes and his heyres, whiche ſhalbe called the maiſter of the woodes comming growyng and beinge in and vpon the premiſſes or any part parcell or member therof, and ſhall be in the fourth officer of the ſame court.

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Also there shalbe as many auditours in the same court, as by the kynges highnes and his heyres shalbe appointed, whiche shall be called auditours of the reuenues of the saide courte.

And there shalbe likewise as many receyuours in the same courte, as by the kinges highnes and his heyres shall be named and appointed, whyche shall be called receiuours of such reuenues, as to them shall be appoynted by the kinges letters patentes.

Also there shalbe one person in the said court, to be named by the kinges highnes, which shalbe called clerke of the same court: And one other person which shalbe called vsher of the same courte: And one other persone, which shall be called messanger of the same court, which clerke vsher and messanger shalbe named by the kinges highnes, his heyres and successours, and euery of them shall haue suche yerely fees rewardes and profites, for the exercising of the said seuerall offices, as the clerke vsher and messanger of the duchy chamber at Westm. haue had and perceiued before this tyme.

Also the sayde surueyours, whiche shalbe appointed by the kynges highnes, shal take a corporal othe before my lorde chauncellour of Englande for the time beinge after the tenour ensuinge: ye shall swere that ye well and truely shall serue the king in the saide office of the generall Surueyours of the reuenues of his courte, called the courte of generall Surueyours of hys graces landes, and shall minister equal iustice to ryche and poore, to the best of your cunninge wytte and power: And that ye shall diligently procure al thinges, whiche may honestly and iustely be to the kinges aduantage and profite, and to the augmentacion of the rightes and prerogatiues of hys crowne: and truely vse the kinges seale appointed to your offyce: And also endeuour your self to the vttermost of your power, to se the king truely answered of all suche rentes reuenues issues and profites, which shall or may ryse or growe in your office, and from time to time delyuer wyth spede such as shall haue to doe before you. And that ye shall not take or receiue of anye person, any gyfte or rewarde, in any cause or matter dependinge before you, or wherin the kinges highnes shall be partie, wherby anye prudice hynderance, losse, or dishersion shall growe or be to the kinge highnes, so helpe you god and all sainctes.

Also that the sayd treasorer shall take a corporall othe before the sayd chãcellour, accordinge to the tenour ensuinge. ye shall sweare, that ye shall well and truely serue the kinge our souerayne lorde and his people, in the office of Treasouret of his highnes courte of generall surueyours, and ye shall reasonably and honestly procure the kinges profite, and do right to all maner of people poore and riche in those thinges, whiche touche your offyce, and the kinges treasour ye shall truely kepe and dyspende, and true declaracion and accompte therof shal make from time to time without any concelement, to and before such person and persons as shall be named, and appoynted by the kinges highnesse, his heyres and successours for the same. and further shall do euery thing, that of tyght apperteineth to your office,

so helpe you god and all sainctes.

¶ Also the said Atturney shall take a corporal othe before the said generall surueyours accordinge to the tenour ensuinge. ye shall sweare, that ye wel and truely shall serue the kinge in all places, for or concerninge any matter or cause that shall conterne or touche the possessions and hereditamētes limitted to the survey and gouernance of thys courte, and procure the kynges profite therof: And ye shall truely counsell the kinge and the Surueyours & Treasourer of this court in all thinges concerninge the same, to the beste of your connynge witte and power, and withe all spede and diligence from time to time, at the calling of the said surueyours and treasourer, you shal endeuour your selfe for the hearing and determinacion indifferently of suche matters and causes, as shall depende before the saide surueyours and treasourer: And that ye shall not take any gift or rewarde in any matter or cause depēding in the same court or els where, wherin the king shalbe partie, whereby the kinges maiestie shalbe hurted hindred or disenherited: and further do all and euery thynge, that shall appertaine vnto your offyce, so helpe you god and all sainctes.

¶ Also that the maister of the sayde woodes shall take a corporall othe before the sayde generall surueyours, after the tenour ensuynge: ye shall sweare that ye well and truely shall serue the kynge our soueraigne lorde in the office of maister of the woodes in this court, and that ye shall make true sale and sales of al woodes and vnderwoodes, belonging to your offyce, according to the auctoritie giuen vnto you by thys acte of generall Surueiours or any other act or actes to be made concerning the said general surueiours for the kinges most aduantage, and nothinge concele, but trewe accompte make of all summes of money, receiued for the same, and all other profites, wherwith ye shalbe laufully charged by reason of your saide office: ye shall make no petition, nor aske allowance, but suche as shalbe good iuste true and reasonable: And ye shall do all and euery thinge and thinges, which ye ought to do by reason of your office, according to the fourme and effecte of this acte, so helpe you god and all sainctes.

Also that euery of the sayde auditours shall take a corporall othe before the saide generall surueyours, after the tenour ensuing: ye shall sweare, that ye shall well and truely serue the kinge in your office, and shall not take or receiue of poore or suche, any gyft or reward, in any matter or cause depending or to be discussed in the same court, but such as shal be your ordinarye fees, and ye shall do all and euery other thinge, which shall apperteine vnto your office, so helpe you god and all sainctes.

Also that euery of the saide receiuours, shall take a corporall othe before the sayd generall surueyours, after the tenour ensuing. ye shall sweare, that ye truely shall serue the king in your office, & nothing cōcele, but true accōpt make of all suche reuenues, rentes, summes of money, and other profyttes, wherwith ye shalbe laufully charged by reason of the saide offyce, you shall make no petition nor aske allowance, but suche as shall be good iust & true

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and reasonable, and ye shall do all and euery thinge and thinges, whych ye ought to do by reason of your office, accordyng to the fourme and effecte of this acte, so god you helpe and all sainctes.

¶ Also the said clerke of the court shall take a corporall othe before the saide generall surueyours after the tenour ensuinge. ye shall sweare, that ye shall well and truely serue the kinge in your office of clerke of the said court, and truely do and execute all and euery thinge and thinges, whiche ye ought to do by reason of your office, accordyng to the fourme and effecte of this acte. And ye shall also be attendaunt vnto the sayd general surueiours frō time to time, as they shall require you, so helpe you god and all sainctes.

Also that the sayde Messanger shall take a corporall othe before the sayde generall surueyours of the saide courte, after the tenour ensuinge. ye shall swere, that ye shall well & truely serue the kyng in your office of Messenger of thys court, as well in spedie serupnge all and singuler processe to you to be deliuered without fraude couin guile or deceite, as also making true and spedie certificate to this court of the same, and that you well & truely doe & execute all and euery other thing and thinges, which ye ought to do by reason of your said office, so helpe you god and all sainctes.

Also be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that as well all the said honours castels lordeships manours meses landes tenemētes rentes seruices tithes pencios porcios aduoulons patronages forestes parkes chases wavens woodes vnderwoodes and all other hereditamentes, also all other thinge and thinges mencioned in the saide Cedule, sygned with the kinges sygne manuell, or whiche hereafter shall be comprysed in anye other cedule hereafter to be signed by the kinges maiestie, as is aforesaide, and deliuered to the saide generall surueiours, shall be onely in the order surueye rule and gouernaunce of the saide courte.

Also be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesaide, that the said generall surueiours Treasourer attourney and maister of the woodes, or three of them, wherof the one of the sayde generall surueyours to be one, shall haue full power and auctoritie from henceforthe, to call before them all and syngular receiuours, baliffes, and all other officers, and ministers, accomptable to the kinges highnesse, and euery of them, and all and euerye other personne and personnes that, nowe bee, or that hereafter shall be accomptable, chargeable, or aunswerable to the kinges highnesse, of or for any thinge or thinges comprysed or conteyned in the sayde cedule, or that hereafter shall bee comprysed in anye other Cedule, sygned with the kynges sygne Manuell, and deliuered to the same Surueyours, as is aforesayde, and shall haue full power and auctoritie from henseforthe, to compelle the sayde accomptauntes, to accompte before them, and also to examine, here, and determyne theyr accomptes, and all circumstances therof, and to doe, and execute all and euery thinge and thinges, in and vpon euerye of the sayde accomptes as wel for the sure paiment and satisfaction of suche rentes, fermes, ffines, profytes, reuenues, dettes, and dutyes, as bene or shall growe vnto the

kinges highenes by reason of the same, as in and for allowaunce and paye-
mētes of fees wages dettes reparaciōs vacacions rentes resolute rewar-
des or other thinges what so euer by them thought requisite and conuen-
ente by theyr discrecions. And generally shal haue ful power and auctho-
ritie, to leuy or cause to be leuied to the kinges vse by al waies and meanes
by theyr discreacions, all and singuler the rentes fermes issues reuennes
profittes arrerages dettes and duties, that shall growe and be due to the
kinge, of in or by reason of the honours castelles manours landes tenemen-
tes and other hereditamentes, committed or to be committed by auctoritie
of this acte, to the suruey rule order and gouernaunce of the saide courte of
surueyours, and of the officers & ministers therof aforesaide. And that the
saide generall Surueyours Treasourer Attourney and maister of the wod-
des, or three of them, as is aforesaide, from henseforthe, shall haue full po-
wer & auctoritie, to commit al and euery the said accomptantes, and other
persōs, owynge any dettes or dutie to the kinges highnes, by reason of the
premisses or any of them, to prison, as well if they be founde in arrerages u-
pon theyr accomptes, or if any of them do refuse to make theyr accomptes,
as is aforesaid, or pay theyr sayd dettes, & to let them to bayle and mainprise
or to any other suretie at all times, as they by theyr discreacions shall thinke
reasonable, as well for the sure payment therof, as also for the contentacion
and paymente of all suche arrerages forfaittes dettes and peines as of any
the sayde accomptantes, or other shall be founde in: and all other thinges
concerninge the premisses, and euery parte of them, as to them shall seme
conuenient. And that the said generall surueyours treasourer attourney and
maister of the woodes, or three of them, as is abouesayde, shall haue full
power and auctoritie, to acquite and discharge al & euery accomptant and
accomptātes, that haue or shall finisshe and determine his or their accompte
or accomptes before them, and all and singuler other persons, that shall paye
iustely and truely their dettes due vnto the kinge by reason of the premisses
or any of them. And that all and singuler acquitaunces and Quietus est, sig-
ned by the saide generall Surueyours Treasourer Attourney and mayster
of the woodes, or three of them, as is abouesaid, shall be enrolled in the re-
cordes before them, and shall be a good sufficient aquitance and discharge
to the partie or parties, to whom they shal be made, to and for al maner such
accomptes dettes and other thignes, for or concerninge the premisses, or
any parte or parcell therof.

☞ Be it also enacted, by the said auctoritie, that the said general Surueyo-
ours, shall haue full power and auctoritie from henseforth, to couenant by-
mit let or set to ferme, for terme of.xxi. peres, or vnder, to any person or per-
sons, any of the landes tenementes hereditamētes or other profites what so
euer they be, conteined in the saide cedule, or whiche hereafter shall be com-
prised in any other cedule, to be signed & delinered as is aforesayde, or kno-
wen reputed or taken, as parcel of the landes tenementes or hereditamētes
conteined in the saide cedule, or in any other Cedule hereafter to be signed

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and deliuered as is aforesaide. And also all and euery the landes, tenementes and hereditamentes, which be or hereafter shalbe conceined and specyfied in anye chaumberlaines accompte, receiuours accompt, bailiffes accompte, ministers accompte, or the accompt of any officer or officers, which may by force of this acte, or by auctorite of any Cedule, signed or hereafter to be signed, and deliuered, as is aforesaid, be viewed examined seene or controled by the said surueiours, by what so euer name or names the said landes, tenementes, and other the premisses, or any of them be called: the same lease or leases to be made in maner and fourme following, that is to sai, that all and euery bill or billes of leases of anye of the premisses, for terme of .xxi. yeres or vnder, wherof the yerely ferme or rente reserued shall extende and amount to the yerely value of .vi.l.xiii.s.iiii.d. or aboue, that shall be hereafter signed with the handes of the said general Surueiours, shalbe a sufficiente & immediate warrant vnto the kinges principall secretorye for the time being, to make or cause to be made in the kings name, letters of warrant sealed with the kinges signet, accordinge to the tenour forme and effecte of the sayde bill or billes, to the lorde keper of the kynges priuie seale: and therupon the lorde priuye seale shall make or cause to be made other letters of like warrant, sealed with the priuie seale to the lorde Chauncellour of England, or lorde keper of the kinges great seale, chauntellour or chamberleines of any of his counties Palantines and principalitie of Wales: & that the same warrant vnder the priuie seale, shalbe a sufficiet & immediate warrant to the chauncellour of England that now is, or that hereafter shal be, & to the chauncellour and chamberlaines, & other officers of the counties Palantines and principalitie of Wales that nowe be, & that hereafter shalbe, to make and deliuer letters patentes vnder the kinges greate seale and other his graces seales, being in their custody, in due forme to be made accordinge to the tenour effect purport and course of the sayde priuie seales, to them in that behalfe directed accordinge to the acte therof made, in the xxvii. yere of the raigne of our said soueraigne lorde the kynge, payenge and geldyng suche fees for the same as well to the signet and priuye seale, as in the kinges Chancerie, as hath ben vsed and accustomed: and also payinge such fees to the saide Chauncellour and Chamberlaines: and other officers of the said counties Palantines, Chester, Walles and marches of the same, as also heretofore hath ben vsed for the same. And that all and euery bill and billes of leases of any the premisses, for terme of xxi. yeares, or vnder, wherof the rente and ferme reserued shall be vnder the yerely value of .vi.li. xiii.s.iiii.d. and signed as is aforesaide, shall be a sufficiente and immediate warrant to the Chauncellour of Englande for the time beinge, and to all other the kinges Chauncellours, chaumberlaines and other officers in the countie Palantine of Chester and Wales, and the marches of the same, to make and deliuer letters patentes vnder the kinges great seale and other seales, accordinge to the tenour purporte effecte and course of the sayde bill vnto all and euery the aforesaide parties.

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Prouided alway that the said generall Surueyours for the time beinge shal not hereafter, by auctoritie of this acte, make any lease of the reuersion of any of the said landes tenementes, and other the premisses beynge then in lease, vnlesse they haue a bill or warrant therof signed by the hande of the kynges maiestie, hys heyres or successours: Also the sayde Clarke for the time beinge of the saide courte, shall enroll and regester in a great booke of parchment, all and euery lease and leases, and all other wrytinges, whiche shalbe made and graunted as is aboue sayde, of for or concerninge the premisses, or any parte or parcel therof: whiche regester of enrollementes shall remaine and be safely kept in the said courte, as a recorde to the kinges vse by the appointment of the said generall Surueiours. And that also the said clarke shall entre into a booke the apparances of euery person, that shall be called to appere in the said court: and all actes detrees and orders that shall be made by the saide court, taking suche fees for the same, and for wryting & enrollyng of any leases, letters patentes, or other wrytinges as the clarke of the duchy of Lancaster hath ben accustomed to take and haue.

Also the said generall Surueiours, Treasourer, atturney, and mayster of the woodes, or thre of them, as is aboue said, shall haue power and auctoritie, to take recognisances for all causes and matters nowe dependynge before the said generall Surueyours, or that hereafter shall depende in this court of generall surueiours, of for or cõcerning the premisses, or any parcel therof: or of and for any dettes, to be due to the king, or for any apparaunce to be made in the saide court by reason of the same: and to cancell and discharge all such recognisaunces by theyr discrecions. And also shal haue full power and auctoritie, to award vnder the pryuy seale appointed to the same court, in the kinges name such processe & preceptes, with reasonable paines to be therin limitted, as be nowe commonly vsed in the courte of the kinges duchy chamber of Lancaster, against euery person or persons what so euer they be, for or concerning any thing or thinges limitted or appointed to the order or suruey of the saide court, for any the causes or matters aforesayde, and vppon any contempte to punishe the offendour by imprisonment, or otherwise by theyr discrecions.

Also it is ordeined by the auctoritie aforesaide, that the sayde officers appointed to the said courte, shall diligently from time to time attende vppon the sayd generall surueiours, in the said court or els where, at the commaundement of the sayd surueiours, for the hering and ordering of matters and causes concerning the same.

And be it also enacted, that euery of the said receiuours general & particular, shall well diligently and effectually gather and leuye to the kinges vse all suche issues, fermes, dettes, and profittes as shall be limitted to hys or their charge, and distraine for the same, if nede so require: and that euery of the said receiuours and auditours generall and particuler, so ioyned together by the appointment of the said courte, or the most parte of them, shall well and truelye survey all maner of reparacions, nedefull to be don in or

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vpon any of the sayd manours landes, tenementes or hereditamētes, limitted and appointed by his or theyr charge: the sayd reparacion to be done to the kinges most profit and least charge.

And also it is ordeined by auctoritie aforesaide, that all rentes, fermes issues, dettes & profittes of the said honours, castels, lordeshyppes manours landes, tenementes, and of all other premisses, whiche be assigned to the order suruey and gouernaunce of the saide courte, as they shal grow due & be payable, shall be payed and deliuered at suche tyme, as hereafter in thys acte shall be declared, to the handes of the sayde Treasourer, by euerye of the saide receiuours generall and particular, or by suche other as shall be indetted to the king, to be safely kept to the kinges vse, vpon peyne of forfayture of his or theyr offices and fees.

And also it is enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that the saide auditours, as they shall be assigned, shall yerely ride to the partie to him or them to be limitted, betwene the feast of saunct Michaell the archaungell and the Natiuitie of our lorde, & take the accompte of all bailiffes, rēues, fermours, tenauntes and occupiers of the manours, landes, tenementes, & other hereditamentes, within the limittes of his or theyr assignemēt. And immediatly vpon euery suche accompte, so to be made and determined, or before the sayde feaste of the Natiuitie of our lorde, the sayd accomptantes and euery of them, shall well and truely content and pay, or cause to be contented and payed to the receiuour therunto deputed, or to be deputed, all suche dettes duties and arrerages, as they and euerye of them shalbe founde in, & charged with vpon euery such accompt, vpon peine of forfaiture of his or their offices and fees.

Also be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that all receiuours and Chamberlaines nowe accomptantes, and all other receiuours and Chamberlaynes, whiche hereafter shalbe accomptantes, of or for any the premisses conteined in the sayd Cedule, vpon like paine as is aforesayd, shall yerely before the first day of Marche make and finishe their accomptes, before the auditour or auditours, therunto to be assigned, of and for all thinges belonging to theyr offyces, for the hole yeare ended at the feaste of saynete Mychaell tharchangell nert preceding the sayde fyrst day of Marche: And immediatly vppon the same accompte so to be made finished and determined or before the.xx. day of Marche then nert folowinge, shall contente and paye to the sayd Treasourer, all suche duties, dettes and arrerages, as they or anye of them shalbe charged with and founde in, vpon the determinaciō of euery such accompte, vpon like payne, as is aforesaid.

¶ Also it is enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that the saide auditours Receiuours generall and particular, at all times vppon warnynge gyuen to them by the saide court, shall assemble together, as well for the ordering of the said honours castels, lordshyppes, manours, landes, tenementes and other the premisses, as of the tenauntes of the same, from time to time, as ye case shall require, as for the viewing and determinaciō of the said accomptes

tes to be made therof before the saide courte.

¶ Also it is ordeined by auctorite aforesaid, that all the accomptes of euery yeare to be ended at the feast of sainct Michaell the archangel, of the sayde receiuers Chamberlaines, bayliffes, reues, fermours and occupiers of the said honours, manours, landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes aforesaid, shalbe wel and perfectly engrossed in parchement by the sayde auditours, and deliuered into the said courte, safely to be kepte to the kynges vse euery yere yerely before the Natiuitie of saincte John Baptist nert ensuing the saide feast of sainct Michaell tharchangell, vpon peine to forfaite theyr offyce and fees.

Also be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that the Treasourer of the sayd courte shall yerely accompte before the sayd generall Surueiours, attourney & maister of the woodes, or afore the moste parte of them, or afore suche person or persons, as the kinges highnes his heyres and successours, shall therunto name and appointe, as well of for and concerning all and euery, the receites, issues and profits of his office of Treasourershyp, of thys courte, as of all and euerye the receites, issues, profits, dettes, and thinges concerninge his office of treasourership of the kinges Chaumber: and that they so hering the same accompte, shall haue full auctoritie and power, to alowe and disalowe vnto the said Treasourer all & euery thing or thinges to be alowed and disallowed vppon his accompte, as by theyr discrecions shalbe thoughte mete and conuenient.

And be it also enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that the clarkes of the peti bagge in the kinges Chauncerie, shall extrete and certifie into the sayd courte of generall Surueiours a true and iust transumpt of all offices and inquisicions hereafter to be found and taken, of for and concerning any casteis, honours, manours, landes, tenementes hereditamentes or other possessions, whiche at any time hereafter shall come and be in the kinges handes and possessiō by reason of any attaindour cōuiction or other forfaiture be it by wrpt commission or otherwise retornable in the said Chauncery, in like maner & fourme as they haue bē accustomed to do in the kinges eschequer in such cases, and vpon like paines, and shall not from henssorth be cōpelled to certifie any transcriptes of such offices or inquisiciōs into the kynges Eschequer as they were accustomed, any law statute custome or other thing or thinges to the contrary therof had or made in any wise not wythstanding. And that al inquisicions hereafter to be taken Virtute officii. for or concerninge the premisses or any of them, shall be immediately returned and certified into the said courte of Surueyours and not els where, vpon like paine as is limitted and hath ben vsed for none certificate of such offyces into the kinges eschequer, any lawe vse or custome to the contrary not withstanding.

And also be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that the saide mayster of the saide woodes for the time beinge, shall surney or cause to be surueyed as wel al the woodes & vnderwoodes, which be or hereafter shalbe wyth

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in the order ſuruey and rule of the ſaid court, as al and ſinguler the woodes and vnderwoodes in the kinges forreſtes, chaſes, parkes and landes, of his highnes olde enheritaunce of his crowne from time to time, as he ſhall thinke conuenient by his diſcretion, and ſhall haue full power and auctoritie by the aſſent of the ſaide court, without warrant of the kinges highnes, to make ſale and ſales of all and ſinguler the ſaid woodes and vnderwoodes, vpon open proclamacions therof to be made in the churche market or other place nerte adioyninge to the ſame woodes ſo to be ſolde, forſeynge alwaies that the ſaid woodes be fenſed from tyme to time, as nede ſhal require, for the increaſe therof.

Prouided alwaies that the ſaid ſales of woodes do not extende to great timber, without the kinges warrant for the ſame.

Alſo be it enacted by auctoritie aforeſaid, that all and ſinguler ſuch ſummes of money, as ſhall be receiued for the ſale of the ſaide woodes, and vnderwoodes or any parte of the ſame, ſhalbe deliuered yerely before the feaſt of all ſainctes by the ſaide maiſter of the woodes, to the Treaſourer of the ſaid court for the time beyng to the kinges vſe

Alſo be it enacted by auctoritie aforeſaid, that no tymber or wood requiſite and neceſſary for ỳ reparacions of any the caſtels, manours, places, meſſuages, tenementes, pales, and railes of parkes, aſwell ſuch as be in the occupacion, tenure and holdinge of any the kinges fermours and tenauntes, as alſo al other which be in the kinges handes, beinge any of the caſtelles, manours, places, meſſuages or tenementes aforeſaide, ſhal be taken for the ſame, oneleſſe they be appointed and deliuered by the Mayſter of the ſayde woodes for the time being, with the aſſent of the ſaid courte, within whoſe ſuruey the ſaid woodes are growyng.

Alſo be it enacted by auctoritie aforeſayd, that the Mayſter of the ſayde woodes, ſhall make yerely in the terme of ſainct Michael tharchangel a ful true and perfect accompte before the ſaid court, of al and euery the woodes as well of for and concerning all and euery ſumme and ſummes of money, concerning the ſaid office, as of and for all and euery other thing and thinges that ſhall belong and apperteine to the ſame.

Alſo be it enacted by auctoritie aforeſaide, that the ſaide generall ſurueyours and maiſter of the ſaid woodes for the time beinge, ſhal declare yerely to the kinges highnes the profites and ſummes of money cõminge growyng and riſyng of and vpon the ſale of all and ſingular woodes wythin hys ſayde office.

Prouided alſo and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforeſaid, that this act ne any thinge therin conteined, be in anye wiſe preiudiciall or hurtful to the iuſtices wardens ſtewardes, lieuetenauntes or clarkes of the ſwãnimotes of anye forreſtes, parkes or chaſes, for or concerninge anye of their offices powers or auctorities: but onely for and concerninge ſurueyng of woodes and woodſales to be had and made in any parke forreſt and chaſe, and the puniſhment of the offendours therin, and the naming rulyng and orderyng

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¶ And it is enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that the maister of the woodes shall yerely pay or cause to be payed of suche sumnes of money, as shall yerely rise & come of the said woodsales, so to be made in parkes, forrestes and chases of the kinges olde inheritance of his graces crowne, all and all maner of fees and wages, as hath bene of olde time accustomed to be paied by the kinge for the exercising of any office within the said parkes, forrestes and chases, according to a certificat by writing therof to be made vnto the said maister of the woodes, by and from the Justices of forrestes or any of them, or any theyr deputie or deputies in the same office, sealed and subscribed by them or any of them.

And it is also enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that the said maister of the woodes for the time being, shall make paiment for all and all maner of reparacions nedefull to be done in & vpon any pale raile & lodge within any of the sayd parkes, forrestes and chases, and assigne timber for the same, vpon any request therof to be made in writing by and from the saide Justices of forrestes. And the saide maister of the woodes shall alowe all maner of fewell and brouse to be spēd and occupied within the said parkes, forrestes and chases, as it hath ben of olde tyme there vsed and accustomed.

And it is also prouided and enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that the maister of the woodes shall not make any wod sale within the parkes, chases and forrestes aforesaide or any of them, but by the assent of the Justices of forrestes for the time being, within whose auctoritie suche forrestes, chases and parkes bene, any thinge in thys acte conteined to the contrary not withstandyng.

Also it is enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that all maner of proces that shalbe made out of the kynges Eschequer to or against any person or persons, for any fermes, rentes, issues or profyts, or other thynges concerninge the premisses, or any parte therof limytted by thys act to be in the suruey order & gouernaunce of the sayde court and the ministers therof shalbe clerely voyde and of none effecte.

Also it is ordeyned and enacted by auctoritie aforesayd, that the sayd generall surueyours and Treasourer shall yearely declare to the kynges hyghnes the state of the clere yerely value of the sayd honours castels, lordships manours landes, tenemētes, rentes, pencions, porcions, tythes, & other hereditamentes, and other the premisses, and what remaineth therof in the handes of the sayde Treasourer.

Prouided alwayes and be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaid that al such manours messuages, landes, tenementes, rentes, reuercions and other hereditamentes, which in any maner of wise heretofore hath bene or hereafter shalbe in the handes or possession of our said soueraigne lorde the kyng, hys heyres or successours, by auctoritie of any atteinder erchete or forfaiture, set lieng & beinge in the countie Palantine of Lancaster, may at the free wyll libertie and pleasure of our saide soueraigne lorde be assigned, limytted and appoin-

appointed vnto the order surueying letting and setting of the chauncellour & officers of his said duchy, in as large & ample maner and forme as the said chauncellour & officers of the said duchy of Lancaster, haue heretofore had vsed and exercised of or vpon any the manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes apperteining or in any wise belonging to the sayde duchy, thys act or any thing therin conteined to the contrary therof not withstanding.

¶ And it is enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that as wel the said acte of the generall Surueiours, made in the saide .xiiii. and .xv. yeares, as also the said acte therof made in the .xxvii. yere of the reigne of our said soueraygne lorde kinge Henry the eight that nowe is, and euery article clause & matter therin conteined, shall be from the first day of Maye, whiche shalbe in the yere of our lorde god. M. D. xlii. vtterly voyde and of none effecte.

¶ Prouided alwaies and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that al leases grauntes processe orders decrees and al & euery other thinge or thinges heretofore lawfully executed and done by the saide generall surueiours and all and euery other thinge or thinges nowe remayninge or dependinge before them vndiscussed and vndetermined by vertue of the said former actes, shalbe of the same force value strenghte and effecte, as they now be or should haue bene, yf this acte had neuer bene had or made

¶ Prouided also that this acte nor any article clause or thing therin cõteyned, shall extende to any landes tenementes possessions or hereditamentes, whiche now be or hereafter shal be in the suruey rule order, & gouernaunce of the kinges court of the Augmentacions of the reuennes of his crowne, nor shall giue any power vnto the saide courte of Surueiours to make any lease or to take any accompt of or for the same, any thing conteined in thys acte to the contrary therof in any wise not withstandinge.

Prouided also that this acte ne any thinge therin conteined, extend or be in any wise preiudiciall or hurtfull to any the generall surueiours nowe beinge, nor to any auditour or auditours, receiuour or receiuours, surueiour or surueiours, or to anye other officer or officers, of for or concerninge any of the said castelles honours manours landes tenementes hereditamentes profites or casualties, or any other the premisses, or any parte therof: but that they & euery of them shall & may haue & enioy their offices, accordinge to the purport tenour and effect of their seuerall letters patentes & grantes as well of the kings maiestie as of any other person, therof to them & euery of them heretofore made any article clause or matter in this present act mẽcioned or declared to the contrary therof in any wise not withstanding.

And where the kinges highnes of late, by auctoritie of parliamẽt holden at westm. in the .xxvii. yere of his graces raign, hath erected a certain court called the courte of Augmentacions of the reuennes of his crowne, and by the same made the same a court of record: and by the same act hath assigned limitted and appointed diuers manours landes tenementes and other hereditamentes to be in the order surueye & gouernãce of the same court, with diuers other articles and clauses in the same acte expressed & declared. And

where also by one other act of parliament, begun and holden at westm. the xxviii. day of Apryll, in the xxxi yere of the reigne of the kinge our soueraygne lorde, and by diuers prorogacions continued vntill the .xxv. daye of Maye, in the xxxii. yere of our saide soueraigne lorde: It was enacted and established, that certain liberties fraunchises iurisdictions & preheminences concerning the same manors landes & other hereditamētes, should be reuiued & be in the order rule and surueu of the same court, to al intentes & purposes as by the same act made in the said xxxii. yere of the reigne of our said soueraign lord, at large doth & mai more plainly appere: Be it now ordeined established & enacted by the auctorite of this present parliament, that the same act concerning the establishment of the said court of augmentacions of the reuenues of the kinges crowne. And also the said act for reuiuinge of liberties, shal frō henceforth for euer stand & abide in their ful strēgth effect & vertue after & accordinge to the true intēt & meaning of the same seueral actes aforesaid. And where the kinges maiestie for diuers considerations & respectes hath taken boughte and purchased diuers & sundrie his graces subiectes for redy money, promised to be paied by his graces officers & surueyours diuers manors lādes tenemētes rētes reuercions woodes & other hereditamēts, as wel by smal parcels or otherwise, & part therof hath ben enclosed into parkes or orchardes or gardeins, & the partie or parties haue not ben paid for lacke of warrantes signed by the kinges most gracious hande & haue ben cōpelled oft & sundrie times to resort to officers of the said court of augmentacions for the spedi paiment of their said dutie or duties, to their inestimable costes & charges: And where also diuers & sundry of the late gouernors & rulers of houses of religion now remainynge in the kinges hādes were & be iustly & truly indetted, & do yet owe to sundry of the kings subiectes being very poore mē alwel for wages vitailes prouision of theyr houses & money lent & other iust true and good causes, conuerted to the vse of their houses, many & great sūmes of money, for the paimēt wherof the same parties haue made & daiely do make continual complaintes & suite to the same court of augmentacions, for their spedy paiment: & many of the same parties satisfied and cōtented by the said court of augmentations, & as yet a great number of thē be to be satisfied cōtented and paid, which paimētes & satisfactions as well made as to be made, do require especial warrantes signed with ỳ kinges most gracious hād, ỳ lacke wherof hath ben and is like to be not only a great delay to ỳ kinges true and louing subiectes, for the spedye paimēt of theyr dets & duties to thē due, but also shuld and shalbe a tedious & a cōtinual traueil, vnto the kings maieste for the oftē signing of the same In cōsideracō wherof be it enacted ordeined & established, by thauctorite of this presēt pliamēt, that as well al paimentes and satisfaction heretofore paid as herafter to be paid by the treasorer & perticuler receiuers for ỳ tyme being of the same court, by the decre or cōmandemēt in writing of the chancelor, by the assēt of the cousel of the same court, or the more part of thē, for the purchasing or bying of any manors landes tenementes or other hereditamentes

ſamentes alredy bought purchaſed or encloſed by the kings commaundement his heires or ſucceſſours, or hereafter to be taken bought purchaſed or incloſed, as is aforeſaid, as alſo for the recompence and ſatiſfaction of all laufull good true and iuſte dettes and expences, as well payde as hereafter to be paid by the ſaid treaſorer or perticular receiuour or receiuours, by the warrant of the ſaid Chancellour in writing, by the aſſent of the ſaid counſell or the more parte of them, as is aforeſaid (not excedinge to any one perſon. CC. li) ſhall be good and effectuall in the lawe againſte our ſayde ſoueraygne lorde the kynge hys heyres and ſucceſſours for euer, to all ententes and purpoſes: And that the ſaid treaſourer and perticuler receiuour, theyr heyres executours and adminiſtratours, for the ſaide ſeueral paimentes by warrant written of the ſaide Chauncellour in fourme aforeſaide, ſhall be clerely eronerated acquited and diſcharged to all ententes and purpoſes And ỹ the ſame treaſorer and receyuour & receyuors theyr heyres executors and adminiſtrators, ſhalbe allowed diſcharged & acquited therof vpon his or theyr declaracion of accompte before the Chancellour and counſayle of ỹ ſame court, or vpon his or theyr accompte And to the auditor appointed or aſſigned by the ſaid Chancellour, to take and here the accompt of the ſame Treaſourer or receiuour or receiuors, theyr executours or adminiſtratours ¶ And where diuers and ſundrye obligacions and ſpecialties heretofore haue ben made to diuers perſons, part of them to the vſe of king Henry the vii. father of our now moſte gracious ſoueraigne lorde: and parte of them to the vſe and behoufe of our ſayde ſoueraygne lorde: Be it enacted by the king our ſoueraygne lorde, with thaſſent of the lordes ſpirituall and temporal, and the cõmons in this preſent parliament aſſembled, and by auctorytie of the ſame, that all obligacions and ſpecialties, which after the fyrſt. day of May nert comminge, ſhalbe made for any cauſe or cauſes touchinge or in any wiſe cõcerning the kinges moſt roial maieſtie or his heyres, or to his or theyr vſe commoditie or behoufe, ſhalbe made to his highnes & to his heyres kinges in his or theyr name or names by theſe wordes. Domino regi, & to none other perſon or perſons to his vſe, and to be payde to hys highnes by theſe wordes, Soluend. eidẽ domino regi hered. vel executoribus ſuis, with other wordes vſed & accuſtomed in cõmon obligaciõs. And that al ſuch obligaciõs and ſpecialties ſo to be made ſhalbe good and effectuall in the law to al purpoſes and intentes, and ſhalbe in ỹ ſame nature kind qualitie force and effect to all intẽtes and purpoſes, as the writinges obligatori takẽ and knowleged according to the ſtatute of ỹ ſtaple at Weſtm. hath at any time before ỹ making of this preſent acte, ben takẽ vſed exerciſed and executed againſt any perſõ or perſõs, any lawe vſage or cuſtome to the contrary therof notwithſtanding. And ỹ al ſuch obligaciõs & ſpecialties, the det wherof being not paid nor cõtented in the life of ỹ king, ſhal come remain and be to the heyres or executours of the king, at the fre libertie diſpoſicio aſſignemẽt & appointment of the ſame king, to whõ ſuch obligaciõs or ſpecialties ſhall be made as is aforeſaid. And if any perſon or perſons in hys or theyr owne

proper persō or persōs, after ỹ saide fyrst day of May, make or take any obligation or obligations to the vse of the kynges maiestie, or of hys heyres kinges, otherwyse then before is expressed, that then such person or persons only that shall offende, contrary to this present act, for his or theyrs so doing, shal haue and suffer such imprisonment as shalbe assessed and adiudged by the kinge or his honorable counsaile, dayely attendant vppon his highenes most royall person. And that all suites to be made after the fyrst daye of Aprill, next comming for the recouery of or for any the kinges dettes, in any the kinges courtes mencioned in this acte, of or vpō any obligacion or specialty dated or deliuered before the makinge of this present acte, or whyche shal be dated and deliuered to the kinge or to his vse, afore the seconde daye of May next cōming, shall be taken sued and pursued in the name of ỹ kyng and in the name of none other person or persons, to what so euer person or persons the sayde obligacyon or specialties or anye of them, be haue bene or shalbe made to the kinges vse. And that all suites processe iudgementes decrees & executiōs hereafter to be taken pursued or geuen for the king in any the kinges courtes, mencioned in this acte, of for or vpon any the same obligacions last afore mentioned, shalbe of the same or like strength force effect and intent in the law to all purposes onely against all and all maner suche person and persons as ben bounden in suche obligacions or specialtyes, as well spirituall as temporall, as against theyr heyres successours executours and administratours and euery of them & against none other, as writinges obligatories taken and knowledged accordinge to the statute of the staple at Westm. at any time before the making of this present act, haue ben vsed to be taken exercised and executed against any lay person or persones. And that the king in al suites hereafter to be taken in or vpon any obligacion or specialties, made or hereafter to be made to the kinge, or any to his vse shall haue and recouer his iust dettes costes and dammages, as other common persons vse to doe in suites and pursuites for theyr dettes. And that al such suites as nowe be dependynge in the name of any common persone to hys graces vse, wherof no verdict is or before the feast of Easter next commyng shall be geuen or passed or no erigende awarded, shall abate be voyde and of none effecte. And neuertheless the kinge by the auctoritie aforesaid, shal haue his suite and remedie for the sayd dette so being in action and proces, in fourme as is aforesaid, in any of the courtes in this acte mencioned, any thinge in this acte to the contrary therof notwithstandinge.

¶ And it is further enacted by the auctoritie abouesayd, that all and euery suite and suites, whyche hereafter shall bee hadde made or taken, of for or vpon any det or duties, whiche heretofore hath growen or be dew, or that hereafter shall growe or be due to the king, in the seuerall offices and courtes of his Escheker, Duchy of Lancaster, Augmentaciōs of the reuenues of his crowne, Surueiours generall of his manours landes and tenementes: Maister of the wardes and liueries, and courte of the fyrst fruites and tenthes, or in anye of them, or by reason or aucthoritie of anye of them, shall

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be ſeuerally ſued in ſuche one of the ſaide courtes and offices, in the whiche court and office, or by reaſon of the which court and office, the ſame det or dutie dydde firſte growe or become to be due, or hereafter ſhall growe or become dewe, or in the which office or courte the recogniſance obligacō or ſpecialtie is or ſhall be or remaine. And euery ſuch ſeuerall ſuite and ſuites ſhal be made in euery of the ſaide ſeuerall offices and courtes vnder the ſeuerall ſeales of the ſaide ſeuerall courtes by Capias, Extendi facias. Sub pena attachemente, and proclamacions of allegeance, if nede ſhall require, or anye of them, or otherwiſe, as vnto the ſaide ſeuerall courtes ſhall bee thought by their diſcreacions expediente for the ſpedie recouerie of the kynges debtes And that the ſaide courte of Eſcheker, and all and euery of the ſaide courtes, ſhall haue hole and full auctoritie and power, to here and determine al and euery ſuche ſuite and ſuites as hereafter ſhall be taken commenſed and purſued for the intente aboue ſpecified, and therupon awarde make and doe execution by and vppon the bodie landes and goodes of the partie or parties that ſo ſhal be condemned accordingly. And alſo ſhal haue full power and auctoritie, to here and determine al and al maner of dettes detinues, treſpaſſes, accomptes, reconinges, waſtes, diſceites negligences defaultes contemptes compleintes ryottes quarelles ſuites ſtryfes controuerſies forfaitures offences and other thinges what ſo euer they ſhall bee, whiche hereafter ſhall growe be moued ſtered procured purſued or ariſe in for or vpon any matter cauſe or other thinge aſſigned cōmitted or appoynted or hereafter to be aſſigned cōmytted or appoynted to the ſeuerall dyrections orders and gouernances of the ſame courtes or any of them, or for or vpon any maner of thinge or thinges, which maie or ſhall touche or in any wiſe concerne the ſame, wherein the kinge ſhall be onely partie, And alſo all maner of ſtates for terme of yeres betwene partie and partie concerning the premiſſes, and to correct and puniſhe by their diſcreacions all and euery perſone and perſonnes, which before them ſhall be conuicted of any of the premiſſes, accordinge to the nature qualitie and quantitie of his or their offence or offences, cauſe or cauſes, matter or matters, al and al maner of treſons murders felonies eſtates rightes titles and intereſtes, as well of inheritaunce as of freholde, other then ioynters for terme of life onely excepted and alwaies reſerued.

And be it enacted by auctho̅itie aforeſaide, that if anye perſonne or perſons ſhall make or pretende any claime right title intereſt or poſſeſſion, in or to any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes, bargayned ſold or exchaunged, or hereafter to be bargained ſolde or exchaunged by the kynge our ſoueraigne lorde, to any perſon or perſons in fee ſimple fee tayle, by hys highnes letters patētes made or to be made therof vnder his great ſeale of England, vpon whiche letters patentes there is or ſhalbe reſerued any annuall rentes or fermes payable to the kynges highnes his heyres or ſucceſſours in his ſaide courte of Augmentacions, or demaunde or akſe any rentes annuites offices fees or other profites in out or of anye ſuche manours

landes tenementes or hereditamentes, conteined or to be compriſed in any ſuche letters patentes, made or hereafter to be made as is aforeſaide, Or if our ſaide ſoueraigne lorde his heires or ſucceſſours, ſhall make or pretende any clayme right title intereſt or poſſeſſion, in or to any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes, bargained ſolde or exchaunged, or to be bargayned ſolde or exchaunged, by the kinge his heyres or ſucceſſours, to any perſone or perſons in fee ſimple or fee taile, by his or their letters patentes therof made or herafter to be made vnder his or their great ſeale of Englād vpon which letters patentes is or ſhalbe reſerued any annuall rentes or termes paiable, or which ſhalbe paiable to the king his heires or ſucceſſours, in his ſaide courte of Augmentacions: Or if the kinge his heires or ſucceſſours, demaunde or aſke any rentes annuities or other profites or hereditamentes of any eſtate of inheritaunce, in of or out of any manours landes, tenementes or hereditamentes conteined or compriſed, or to be conteined or compriſed, appointed or to be appointed or aſſigned, to the ſaide courte of Augmentacions, in any letters patētes made or hereafter to be made, as is aforeſaide: That than the Chauncellour of the ſaide courte of Augmentacion, by the aſſente of the counſaile of the ſayde courte, or the more parte of them, ſhall haue power & auctorite by auctorite of this acte, to examine all ſuch demandes rightes titles intereſtes and poſſeſſiōs, rents annuities, offices fees and other profites & hereditamentes, what ſo euer they ſhalbe & euery of them ſo to be demanded pretēded claimed or aſked, as is aforeſaide and by witnes profes and other waies and meanes by their diſcrealiōs, to here and determine the ſame: And in caſe the kinges patentes in any ſuch letters patentes as is aforeſaide, or any of them their heires ſucceſſours or aſſignes, ſhall be compelled by the auctorite of the ſaide court of Augmentacions, by decree or iudgment of the ſame court, to render and yeld to any perſon or perſons in fee ſimple or fee taile, the landes tenementes or hereditimentes compriſed or ſpecified in any ſuche letters patentes, or any parcel of them, or to ſuffer any perſon or perſons to haue and enioye any offices rentes annuities or other profites or hereditamētes in fee ſimple or in fee taile out of the ſame, or out of any percell therof: And that it ſhall appeare in the ſaide letters pattentes, that the kinge his heires or ſucceſſours, is or ſhall be bounden, or of right and equitie oughte to recompence and ſatiſfie the ſaide pattentes, their heires ſucceſſours executours or aſſignes, or any of them, of or for ſuche manours landes tenementes or hereditamētes annuities rentes offices fees or other profites recouered in fee ſimple, or fee taile, by decree or iudgement of the ſaide court, as is aforeſaid, or els to diſcharge and acquite the ſaide patentes, their heires ſucceſſours executours and aſſignes, of or for any rentes annuities offices fees or other profites aforeſaide recouered by decree or iudgement in fee ſimple or fee tayle, as is aboue ſaide. Or if it ſhall appere vnto the ſaide courte of augmentacions, or vnto the more part of thē, that the king his heires or ſucceſſours of right and equitie oughte to haue recouer or enioy, in fee ſimple or fee taile, anye

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manours, landes, tenementes or hereditamentes, in any such letters patentes comprised, or rentes annuities offices, fees or other profites in oute or of the same: that then in all and euery such case and cases the saide Chauncellour of the augmentacions for the time being, with the assent of three or more suche persons as hereafter shall be named by the kinge his heires or successours shall haue full power and auctoritie without any bylle or warraunt to be signed or sued from the kinge his heires or successours for the same, as well to recompence and satisfie the partie or parties greeued, so much in money of the kinges treasure remaining in the said court of Augmentacions, as the said manours, landes tenementes rentes, annuities offices, fees, or other profites or hereditamentes, losse or recouered by decree or iudgment of the saide court of Augmentacions, as is aforesaide, shall be worthie to be sold or otherwise discharge and acquite such person or persons therof according to his or their letters pattentes, as also to make and take order direction decree and iudgemente for the kynge hys heires and successours, for the recouerye attaynynge and hauynge of all and singular suche manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, annuites, offices, fees, profittes, & hereditamentes, and all and euery other thinge and thinges, which the kinge his heires and successours by and vppon suche examinacion and examinacions, ought should & shalbe iustly intitled to haue recouer possede or enioy in fee simple or in fee taile: And the same decree direction order and iudgement to be good and effectuall in the lawe, to binde all parties and priuyes to the same to all intentes & purposes. And where any decree or iudgement which shalbe giuen in the said court of augmentacions for any the premisses, extende to the losse of the kinges patente or patentes, their heires successours, executours or administratours, but for terme of life or liues of the demaundant or demaundants, plaintif or pelaintifes, or for terme of yeres the losse wherof the king is bounden and ought to recompence discharge or acquite by his letters pattentes: than the saide Chauncellour of the augmentacions shall haue ful power and auctoritie to recompence or discharge the same in money, as is aforesaid, or els to recompence the same of the landes, tenementes, hereditamentes, & possessions limitted to the suruey and gouernaunce of the saide courte of agmentacions, to be graunted vnder the seale of the same courte by the discrecion of the saide Chauncellour, as shall seme to him best for the kinges profit, without any bill or warrant to be sued or signed by or from the kinge for the same. And that euery suche recompence satisfaction and discharge to be made by auctoritie of this acte, to anye person or persons by the saide Chauncellour as is aforesaide, shall be good and effectuall against the kinge his heyres and successours, any lawe vsage or custome to the contrary not withstandinge.

¶ And it is further enacted by the auctoritie abouesaid, that euery of the saide courtes shall haue full power and auctho̅itie, by force of this acte, to set such fines, penalties, and amerciamentes vpon parties, shiriffes officers and other persons, for his and their defaultes, contemptes, negligences or mide-

mildemeanours, as vnto the saide courtes or vnto any of them shalbe reasonably considered and thought expedient. And that al and euery trial and trialles of all and all maner of suites, billes, plaintes, informacions, declaracions, cõplaintes, answers, replecacions, allegacions, causes, matters, & issues or any of them to be pursued made or tried in the said seuerall courtes or any of them, shalbe made and tried by due examinacion of witnes wrytinges, proues, or by such other waies and meanes, as by the saide seuerall courtes, or by any of them shalbe thought expedient. And that all and euerye suche iudgement and iudgementes decree or decrees examinacion and examinacions shalbe good perfect and in full strengthe force and effecte in the law to all intentes constructions and purposes.

And where diuers and sundry persons stand boundē to the kinges highnes in diuers great and notable summes of money, by recognisaunce or other bondes, in the sayde seuerall courtes or dettes due to the kinges highnes, as well for the purchase of landes and woodes and performance of condicions, as also for diuers and sūdrie other causes: and all be it the same persons haue wel and truly satisfied, contented and payed the same dettes or performed the condicions of the same recognisaunce or other bondes, yet the same recognisaunces or other bondes cannot be made void without the kinges especial warrant, which should be much vnquietnes to the kynges maiestie, and also very chargeable to his graces subiectes, to sue to his highnes from time to time for the same. In consideracion wherof, and for as much as the saide persons beinge so bounden by recognisaunce, or in other bondes, may by diuers casualties lose their acquitāces, wherby greate daunger and peril may growe to them their heyres executours and successours: Be it therfore enacted by the kinge our soueraigne lorde, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that vpon ỹ sighte of the acquitances, made or to be made for the paiement of the said dette or dettes or summe or summes of money, growen or to be growen, or due and sufficient proufe made or hereafter to be made before the said seuerall head officers for the time being of the saide seuerall courtes, as the case shall rise or growe, or if the condicion of the same recognisaunce or bonde be performed or kepte: That than euery such seuerall head officer, for that recognisance taken or to be taken by him or any of hys predecessoures, or of any other bonde for the time being within his charge and cure, shall haue full power and auctoritie to cancell and make voyde the saide recognisance or other bonde, callinge to him suche of the same courte as to him or them shall seeme moste conuenient for the cancellacion of the same recognisaunce or bonde.

And bee it enacted by the auctoritye aforesayde, that the same cancellacyon so made, shall bee a sure and sufficiente dyscharge of the same recognisaunce or other bonde, to all and euerye suche personne or personnes, as dooe or shall stande bounden in the same recognisaunce or bonde

so cancelled againste the kinges highnes his heyres executours and succes-
sours for euer.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that the same seue-
rall head officers for the time beinge, in euery of their said seuerall courtes
shall haue full power and auctoritie to discharge cancele or make voyde by
his or their discretion, all and singuler recognisaunces nowe made or here-
after to be made in the said court, for any aparance or other contempte: and
that the same head officer or officers, and the parties so bounden and to be
bounden, to be discharged against the kinge our sayde soueraigne lorde hys
heyres executours & successors for the cancellacō of the same recognisance.

¶ And where the kinges maiestie sithen the makinge of the same estatute
in the saide .xxvii. yere of his noble reigne, of his owne mere mocion lyber-
litie and benignitie, hath freely giuen and graunted by his sundry letters pa-
tentes vnder his great seale of England, vnto diuers and sundry of the no-
bles and lordes, as well spirituall as temporall of this hys realme, and also
vnto diuers & many other persons & bodies politike, to theyr heyres or suc-
cessours, and to the heyres of theyr bodies, or for terme of life or lyues dy-
uers and many sundry honours, castels, manours, landes, tenemētes rec-
tories, pencions, porcions & other hereditamentes, which than were in the
order gouernaunce and suruey of the same courte of the augmentacions of
the reuenues of his graces crowne, or out of any other of the sayde seuerall
courtes, reseruing vnto his maiesty his heyres and successours by the same
letters patentes, one yerely rent in the name of one tenth, or the tenth parte
of the yerely value of the same premisses, or any other tēnth paiable and to
be paied in the same courtes, or to the officers of the same courtes deputed
and assigned for the same, at one certaine feaste or daye in the same letters
patentes mencioned and declared, whiche saide persons so aduaunced, not
withstanding they haue sithen & after the makinge of the same letters pa-
tentes peacible enioied the same manors landes tenemētes & hereditamē-
tes so geuen, and therof haue quietly perceiued and taken the issues, rene-
nues and profittes thereof: yet neuertheless diuers of the same persones
haue not at the daies and feastes assigned and limitted vnto them in the
same letters patentes, nor yet in longe tyme after the same daies & feastes
of paiment therof, contented and paid in the same courtes, or to the officers
of the same courtes assigned & deputed for the saue, the saide yerely rent or
rentes so reserued to the kinges highnes, contrary to their dueties, and a-
gainst all reason and good conscience. In consideracion wherof be it ther-
fore nowe ordeined enacted and established by the assent of the kinges ma-
iestie, the lordes spirituall and temporall and the commons in this presente
parliament assembled and by the auctoritie of the same, that if any person
of what estate degree or condicion so euer he be, or body politike, to whom
the kinges maiestie hath by his letters patentes vnder his greate seale of
Englād, or vnder the great seale of the same court of augmentacion, geuen
or graunted, or hereafter shall geue or graunt, with like reseruacion of rent

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or rentes, any manours, landes, tenemētes, rectories or other hereditamentes what soeuer, which were or hereafter shall be in the order gouernaunce and suruey of the same courtes, or any of them, to be had to them and theyr heyres or successours, or for anye other estate of inheritance, or for terme of life or lives, yeldyng and reseruing to the same our said soueraygne lord the kyng his heyres or successours, one yerely rente at one certaine day or feast in the same letters patentes, expressed, mencioned and declared, and to be payde into the same courtes, that if the same persons bodies polytyke theyr heyres or successours or assignes, or any of them, do not truly cōtent or paye or cause to be contēted or payde vnto the treasourer of the said seuerall courtes, or to the generall or particular receiuour of the same seuerall courtes, deputed and assigned for the same for the time beinge, to the vse of the kynges highnes, at the daye or feaste limitted by the same letters patentes, or within three monethes next and immediatly after the same daye or feast of payment therof, all suche summes of money, whiche bene or hereafter shall be due reserued to the kinges maiestie his heyres & successours, by the same letters patentes or by any of them, or make sufficiēt tēder therof to ẏ sayde Treasourer or general or particular receiuor that then euery of ẏ same persons, bodies politike, theyr heyres successours or assignes, for lacke & default of paiment of the same rent, to forfayte and lose to the kinges maiestye hys heires & successours as much money as the fourth parte of the same rente so reserued or hereafter to be reserued for one yere, doth or shall amoūt vnto for and in the name, of one peyne, ouer and aboue the same rent reserued or hereafter to be reserued. And if it happen the same persons bodies politike theyr heires successours or assignes or any of thē do not within on half yere next after the day or feast expressed in the same letters patentes, content or pay, or lawfully tender vnto the same Treasourer, or general or particular receiuour, to the vse of the kinges maiestie his heyres or successours, as wel the sayd yerely rent so reserued or hereafter to be reserued, as also the sayde summe of money forfaited for and in the name of a peine, that thē the same persons bodies politike, their heyres successours or assignes, so offendinge, shall forfaite and lose to the kinges maiestie his heyres and successours, so much money as the moity and halfe deale of the same rent reserued or to be reserued for one yere, doeth or shal amount vnto, ouer and aboue the sayde rent reserued or to be reserued, and to forfaite and lose for euery halfe yeare after, so muche money as the hole rente reserued or to be reserued, for one hole yere, doth or shall amount vnto, vntill the same rente reserued or to be reserued, and the arrerages of the same, & also the sayde summes of money so forfaited and loste for a peine, ben vnto the same Treasourer or generall or particular receiuour truly satisfied contented and payd, to the vse of the kinges highnes his heyres and successours.

☞ And be it also enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that it shalbe lefull to the same Treasourer and generall or particular receiuour, to distraine as wel for the same rent so reserued or to be reserued, and for the arrerages of

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the same, as also for the saide summes of money so forfayted or to be forfayted and lost, for and in the name of the paine aforesaide. And also the head officer or officers of either of the same courtes for the time being vpon certificate to him made or to be made of the same default and contempt, shall and may awarde suche proces out of the same courtes against the same offender for not paying of the said rente so reserued, or to be reserued, and also for the same summes of money forfaited and to be forfaited by thys acte as by his or their discrecion shall seme conuenient.

¶ And be it also enacted by the authoritie aforesaide, that if any person or persons hereafter make lawfull paiement to any of the sayde Treasourers or generall or perticuler receiuour of anye of the same courtes, deputed and assigned for the same, of any summe or summes of money due to the kings highnes his heyres or successours for any yerely rente or tenthe, and vpon or after suche payement offer vnto the same Treasourer or generall or particuler receyuour, one laweful and sufficiente acquitance ready made to be assigned by the same treasourer or generall or particular receiuour, wytnessinge the receipte of the saide summe or summes of money so payde: that then the saide Treasourer generall or particular receiuour, shall withe hys owne hand assigne the same acquitãce, without taking any fee or rewarde for makinge of the same acquitance, vpon peine to forfaite, and lose for euery time offending contrary to this acte .xl.s. one moitie wherof to bee to the kinges highnes, and the other moitie to the partie that will pursue for the same. And if the parties, whiche hereafter shall happen to paye to the same treasourer or general or particular receiuour, anye suche summe or summes of money and do not bring an acquitaunce with hym to be signed as is beforesaide: that then if the same treasourer or generall or particular receiuour, vpõ request to him made, shal make and deliuer vnto ỹ same partie one sufficient acquitance, testifyeng the same receipt, that then the same Treasourer or generall or particular receiuour or anye of his clarkes, shall not receiue or take of the same partie for the making of the said acquitance not aboue foure pence, vpon peine to forfaite for euery suche acquitaunce, xx.s. for which he or they shall happẽ to take aboue the saide summe of iiii.d to be recouered as is aforesaide, that is to saye, the one moitie therof to the vse of the kinges highnes of his heyres and successours, and the other moytie therof to the partie that will pursue for the same.

And be it also enacted, that the same acquitance shall be a sufficient discharge accordinge to the tenour and effect of the same.

And be it also further enacted and ordeined by the auctoritie aforesayde, that if any of the same generall or particular receiuour, whiche nowe be or hereafter shall be within any of the said courtes, happen to pay to any person or persons any annuitie pention or other rent: that then if the same person or persõs vpon the receipt therof deliuer vnto the same generall or particular receiuour one sufficient and lawfull acquitaunce sealed and sygned testifieng the same receipte: that then the same generall or particular receyuour

nour, shal receiue the same acquitance, without taking or receiuing any fee or reward for the making of the same. And if the same partie, to whom the saide generall or particuler receiuour hath so contented and paide any suche annuitie, pencion, or rent, do not bringe with him one sufficient acquitaunce signed and sealed, testifieng the receipt of the same money, by reason wherof the same generall or particular receiuour by him selfe or his clarke maketh one acquitance for the receipt of the same annuitie pencion or rent that than the same receiuour or his clarke, shall not receiue or take for the makyng of any suche acquitance, whiche he shall so happen to make, not aboue .iiii.d. vpon paine to forfaite for euery such acquitance, whiche he shall happen to refuse, being redy made and offered to be deliuered to him as is aboue sayd xx. shillinges: and for euerye acquitaunce which hee shall here after happen to make for any of the payments aforesayde, and to receiue for the makinge of the same acquitaunce aboue the sayde summe of .iiii. pence, to forfaite xx. shillinges, the one moitie to be to the king, and the other moitye to the partye that wil sew for the same. And also that the same general or particuler receiuours or their deputies which hereafter shall happen to paye any such annuitie pencion or rente, shall not reteine or take of the partie, to whome he shall happen to pay the same, in the way of reward or otherwise, not aboue the summe of foure pence for euery pounde, whiche the same generall or particular receiuour shall so happen to paye, vpon payne to forfaite. vi.s. viii pence for euerye penie, whiche he or they shall happen to receiue aboue the saide summe of foure pence for euery pounde, whiche he or they shall so happen to paye: the one moitie of the same forfaiture to be to the kinge, and the other moitie to the partie that will sue for the same. And that al the said suites concerning the saide forfaitures, may be commensed and pursued by bill informacion or action, in which suite none essoine protection or wager of lawe to be admitted.

☞ And be it further enacted. that if any person or persons hereafter happē to tender or offer vnto any of the auditours of the same seuerall courts for the time being, any of the kinges letters patentes, decrees of any of ꝑ same seuerall courtes, grauntes, indentures of leases, as well for terme of yeres, as for terme of life or liues, so to be enrolled before the same auditour, accordinge to his office: that than the same auditour, vppon the same tender or offer, shall enroll the same, or as much of the same letters patentes decrees grauntes or indentures, as shall apperteine to his sayd office. And if any of the same auditours or any of theyr clarkes, or any other to theyr vse, or to the vse of anye of them, receiue and take for the inrollement of anye of the same letters patētes decrees, grantes or indentures, or for the allowance of the same aboue the summe of. iii.s. iiii.d.: that then the same auditour or his clerk so offending shall forfaite. vi.s. viii.d. for euery peny, whyche the same auditour or any of thē, shal happen at any time hereafter to receiue cōtrarye to the fourme aforesaide, the one moitie of the same forfaiture to be to the kinges highenes, and the other moitie to him that will sewe for the same

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☞ And be it alſo further enacted by the auctoritie afore ſaid, that euery auditour of euery of the ſaide ſeuerall courtes yerely in euery countie wythin theyr ſayde ſeuerall limittes, by the ſpace of twentie dayes or more before theyr audite, ſhall proclayme and declare in .iiii. ſeuerall marketes or other places, the place and daie, where and whan they will kepe theyr ſeuerall auditours in the ſame ſhyre, vppon paine to forfaite for euery time ſo doing the contrarie .v.li. the one moitie wherof to be to the kinges hyghnes, and the other moitie to the partie that wil ſue for the ſame in fourme afore ſaid. And that alſo euery of the auditours of the ſaide ſeueral courtes being ſeuerally aſſigned to their ſeuerall limittes, and euerye of the particular receyuours of the ſame ſeuerall courtes, beinge alſo ſeuerall aſſigned and ioyned with the ſame ſeuerall auditours in theyr ſaide ſeuerall limittes, after and betwene euery of the feaſtes of ſainct Michaell the archangell and Chriſtmas, ſhall directe and awarde their ſeuerall warrantes and preceptes vnder theyr ſeales, to euery of the receyuours bayliffes, reues, and other offycers what ſo euer accomptable before the ſame auditours, and by the ſame warrant or precepte to charge and commaunde in the name of our ſaid ſouereaigne lorde the kinge, euery of the ſaide receiuours, bailiffes, reues and other officers, to appeare before them at one certayne daye and place in the ſame warrante or precepte to them preſcribed, there to declare and make a iuſte and true accompte of all ſuch receiptes, wherof they be acuſtomable, and owe to accompte. And after if the ſame auditours and particular receiuours do repayre vnto the ſame place, and there kepe theyr audite, accordinge to the ſame proclamacions precepte and warrant: that then if any receiuour, bailiffes, reue, or other officer, beinge accomtable of or for anye of the manours landes tenemētes or other what ſo euer hereditamētes, now repayringe or which hereafter ſhal be and remaine in the order gouernance or ſuruey of any of the ſame ſeuerall courtes, be laufully warned, as wel by the ſame proclamacion, or by precepte or warrant in writinge and ſealed, & in the name of any of the Auditours of the ſaide ſeuerall courtes, perſonally to appere by him ſelfe, or by his ſufficient and lawfull deputie before the ſame auditour and receiuour at one certaine daye and place, in the ſame warrante or precepte preſcribed, there to make and declare a iuſt and a true accompte of all receiptes of his ſaid office. And if the ſame receiuour, reue, bailiffe and other officer, ſo beinge lawfully warned, doe not appere before the ſame audytour and receyuour at the ſame daye and place in the ſayde warrante expreſſed: Or if the ſame receiuour, bailyffe, reue, or officer, do at the ſame daie and place to them preſcribed, appeare, and will not accompte before the ſame auditour, accordinge to the tenour and effecte of the ſame precepte or warrant, or if the ſame receiuour baylyffe, reue, or other offycer accomptable, do by him ſelfe or by his ſufficient and laufull deputie appeare before the ſame auditour and receiuour, and than and there enter into hys or theyr accompte before the ſaide auditour, and after the ſame accompte

finished and ended, if the same receiuour, baylyffe, reue, or other officer, doe not contente and paye vnto the Treasourer of the same seuerall courtes, or to the generall or particuler receiuour of the same countie for the time beynge as the case shall require, within thre wekes nexte & immediately after the same accompte fully finished and ended, all such summes of money whiche vpon the determinacion of his said accompte he shall happen to be founde in arrerages, and the same defaulte and contempte beyng duely proued before the head officer or officers of the saide seuerall courtes for ỳ time being: that thau euery such receiuour baylyffe reue or officer, so offendynge to forfaite and lose hys sayde office, and also hys fee, which he or they had & perceiued for the exercising of the same office.

☞ And be it also further enacted by auctoritie of thys present parliamente that if any of the said receiuours bailiffes reues or other officers, vpon the declaracion of their saide accomptes, do willingly concele and withdrawe any rente, reuenue, fine, heriet, or other casualitie what so euer it be, of the whiche he ought to haue made accompte, and the same duely approued before the saide head officer or officers for the time beinge: that then euerye suche receiuour bailiffe, reue, or other officer so offendinge, to forfaite and lose his said office and fee, which he had for the exercisinge of the same, and also three times as muche as he hath so conceled & withdrawen. And that the said head officer or officers of the same seuerall courtes for ỳ time being immediatly vpon certificat to him made of the same defaulte contempte or offence, shall awarde processe in nature of attachement against the same receiuour bayliffe reue or other officer, as well for the same arrerages remaynynge in the handes of the same receiuour bailiffe reue or officer, as also for the penaltie of theyr recognisaune or bonde, in whiche the same receiuour bailiffe rene or officer standeth bounden to our sayde soueraygne lorde the kinge, as also for the contempt and peyne lympted and appoynted by this acte

And be it further enacted by auethoritie aforesayde, that in all actions and suites to be taken or pursued in any the courtes aforesaid, for the recouerye of anye dette or debtes, whiche nowe be or that hereafter shall happen to apperteine accrue remaine or be to the king, by reason of any attein-dour outlawry forfayture gift of the partie, or by any other collaterall way or meanes, it shall be sufficient in the lawe to shewe and alledge in the saide suite generally, that the partie, to whom the said det or debtes was due or dyd belonge, suche yere and daye did geue the same dette or dettes vnto the kynge, or was attainted outlwaed or other offence, forfaiture, dede acte, or thinge committed or did, by reason wherof the saide det or dets did accrue and ought to remaine come and be to the king. And that the same matter, so to be shewed alledged or declared in a generalite, without shewing & declaring the circumstance therof, shall be of as good force and effecte in the lawe to all ententes constitutions and purposes, as if the hole matter ther-

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of had ben or were alleged and declared at large in euery point, accordinge to the due order of the common lawes of this realme.

☞ And be it also enacted by the auctholitie aforesaid, that if any suite be cõmensed or taken, or any proces be hereafter awarded for the kinge, for the recouerie of any the kinges dettes: that then the same suite and proces shal be preferred before the suite of any other person or persons. And that our said soueraigne lorde his heyres and successours, shall haue fyrste execucyon againste any defendant or defendauntes, of or for his sayde debtes, before any other person or persons, so alwayes that the kinges said suite be taken and comenced, or proces awarded for the saide det, at the suite of our sayde soueraigne lorde the king his heyres or successours, before iudgement geuen for the saide other person or persons.

And be it enacted also by auctoritie aforesaid, that all manours, landes, tenementes, possessions & hereditamentes, the which nowe be or that hereafter shal come and be in or to the handes possessions occupaciõ or season of any person or persons, to whom the same manours, landes, tenementes or hereditamẽtes, haue heretofore or hereafter shal descende reuert or remain, in fee simple or in fee taile, generall or speciall, by from or after the deathe of any his or their auncester or auncesters, as heyre, or by gifte of his auncesters, whose heyre he is, whiche said auncester or auncesters was is or shall be indetted to the king, or to any other person or persõs to his vse, by iudgement recognisaunce obligacion or other specialtie, the det wherof is or shall not be contented and paid: that than in euery such case the same manours landes, tenementes, possessions and hereditamentes shalbe & stand by auctoritie of this acte, from henceforth, charged and chargeable to and for the paiment of the same det, and of euery parte therof. And that our sayd soueraigne lorde, his heires and successours, at anye tyme hereafter shall not be barred delaied forclosed or excluded, to demaunde haue and receyue hys or their iuste due and lawfull dettes & dueties against any of his subiectes, as heyre or heires to anye persone or persones endetted to his highnes, or to other persons to his vse, or whiche shalbe indetted to his highnes, his heyres or successours, all be it this worde Heyre be not or shall not be comprysed in suche recognisaunce obligacion or specialitie, or that any such person or persons shall saye or allege, ỹ he or they haue not anye manours landes, tenementes or hereditamentes to them descended, but only such manours lãdes tenementes, hereditamentes, as be or shall bee entayled, or giuen to them by anye their auncestours, to whom they be heyres, anye lawes, vses, or customes before thys tyme vsed or had to the contrarye not wythstandynge.

Prouided alwaies that the kinges maiestie, hys heires and successours, may at his or theyr libertie and pleasure, demaunde haue and recouer hys or their said dette or dettes, of and againste anye executour or executours, administratour or administratours, of any such person or persons, whyche is hath ben or shalbe indetted in manour and fourme abouesaid, if the same executour or executours, administrator or administratours, shal haue assets

in his or their handes in dede, or in law, any thinge before mencioned to the contrary not withstandinge.

¶ Prouided also that if the saide manours landes and hereditamentes, or any of them, shall hereafter be recouered or euicted out of or frō the possessiō of any suche person or persons, by any iuste or former title, wythout fraude or couine, whose manours landes tenementes or hereditamētes bē or shall be charged or chargeable as is abouesaid, that then al and euery suche manours landes and hereditamentes, shall be clerely aquited and discharged of and for the paiment of the said dettes, and euery part therof, any thynge before mencioned to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ Prouided alway and be it enacted by aucthoritie aforesaide, that yf anye personne or personnes, of whom any suche dette or duetie is or at any time hereafter, shall be demaunded or required, allege pleade declare or shewe in any of the said courtes good perfite sufficient cause and matter in lawe reson or good conscience, in bar or discharge of the said dette or duetie, or why suche personne or personnes oughte not to be charged or chargeable to or with the same, and the same cause or matter so alledged pleaded declared or shewed, sufficientlye proued in suche one of the saide courtes as he or they shall be impleaded sued vexed or troubled for the same: that then the sayde courtes and euery of thē, shall haue full power and auctoritie to accept adiudge and allow the same proufe, and wholy and clerely to acquite and discharge all and every person or persones, that shal be so impleaded sued vexed or troubled for the same, any thinge in this present acte before mencioned to the contrary not withstandinge.

Prouided also and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that yf any manours, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, which be or at any time hereafter shall be charged or chargeable to or with the dette of our said soueraigne lord his heires or successours, and be or at any time hereafter shall be in the season and possession of diuers and sundrye personnes, other then the obligour or obligours, that then all and singuler the saide manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes and euerye parcell of them, shall bee wholy and entierlye, and in no wise seuerally, liable and chargeable, to and with the paiment and paymentes of the saide dette and duetie, any thynge before rehearsed to the contrary not withstandinge.

Prouided also that thys acte nor anye thynge therin conteyned, shall in any wise extend to minishe abrogate or take away any realties, lybertyes, priuileges franchises preeminēces iurisdictions fines issues or amerciamē tes, apperteining or belonging to the saide duchy of Lancaster and countie Palantine of Lancaster or any of them, but that the same liberties realties priuileges franchises preeminences iurisdictions fines issues and amercyamentes and euery of them, shall stille continue remaine and be to the sayde Duchy of Lancaster and countie Palantine and to euery of them, as fully wholy and plenarly as they were before the making of this present act, any thing in the same conteined to the contrary not withstanding.

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¶ Prouided alwaye and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd that al maner of proces and executions for debtes, onely commynge or growinge in the courte of the Eschequer, shall bee made in the same courte of the Eschequer by suche officer and officers, clecke or minister of the same courte, as hathr bene afore this time vsed to be made, after and withe suche kynde of proces processes and executions, as by this acte is limitted and declared, any thinge in this acte conteined to the contrarie not withstandinge.

GOD SAVE THE KYNGE.

Tho. Berthelet regius impressor excudebat.

cum priuilegio.